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SHAZAR TO SEE NIXON TODAY

WASHINGTON. — President Zalman Shazar, who left Israel yesterday to attend a memorial service here for the late President Harry S. Truman, will pay a courtesy call on President Nixon today, the White House announced.

The meeting between the two presidents was arranged at the initiative of the White House. It was explained that President Nixon had invited to the White House the heads of several foreign delegations here for the ceremony, including South Korean Prime Minister Kim Chong Pil, Prime Minister John Lynch of Ireland and Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos Romulo.

Mr. Shazar will be accompanied on his White House call by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. He is expected to remain in Washington through tomorrow, and will reportedly make a stopover in New York for a day or two before returning to Israel.

Heavy security restrictions will be enforced at the Washington Cathedral here this afternoon (9 p.m. Israel time) when government leaders and diplomats from all over the world gather to pay their final respects to Harry Truman.

Secret Service officials and military intelligence ordered strict security measures, partly because of the presence of the Israeli and Irish leaders.

Secretary of State William Rogers will represent the U.S. Government at the service and will be host at a reception later for foreign delegations and members of the Truman's family.

Truman, who asked for only simple burial rites and requested that he should not lie in state in Washington — a right of U.S. Presidents — had his wish respected. Simplicity will be the keynote, a Cathedral official said.

Mr. Shazar was seen off at Lod Airport yesterday by Prime Minister Golda Meir, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Cabinet Ministers, the U.S. Ambassador and other Israeli leaders.

(INA, Reuter, Itim)

Citrus picking stops as ports start go-slow

Jerusalem Post Staff

The beginning of slow-motion work by Israel's dockers yesterday morning brought a halt within hours to all picking of citrus for export.

Citrus Marketing Board head Mordechai Makleff, who ordered the picking halt, warned that the strike could cost Israel its European citrus market. But the Ports Authority said that renewal of stalemated wage negotiations depended on whether the dockers would agree to widen the talks to cover featherbedding, norms and other problems.

Observers at Haifa and Ashdod described the scene yesterday as something out of a slow-motion film, especially with crews loading citrus where citrus was being loaded, with men taking long pauses between movements and loads sometimes dangling stationary in the air on their leisurely way into ships' holds. The men, who were working according to norms fixed years ago, sometimes loaded between a quarter and an eighth of their usual daily total.

At Haifa citrus loading was off by 60 per cent — 90,000 cases instead of the usual 200,000 per day — despite the fact that the port management detailed 25 work gangs instead of the regular 18. Ports Authority spokesmen put the overall drop at all ports at about 50 per cent.

Interviewed on Israel Radio, Mr. Makleff declared that failure to reach European markets with the required amount of fruit on time would result in "a real disaster," for customers were likely to turn to more reliable sources. "The frost of the past 10 days has already cut the exportable fruit by 15 per cent — some three or four million crates," Mr. Makleff added. He called for "drastic action" by the authorities to assure normal shipments abroad.

Ports Authority representatives told the press yesterday that the two sides had been about seven points apart on wages when negotiations broke down on Tuesday. But they declared that granting the dockers' demand — not backed by the Histadrut — for a 45 per cent rise in pay would make bargaining impossible with other employees.

The crucial point had been matching stevedore's salary grades to those of building workers.

According to Ports Authority negotiator Amihai Levy, Histadrut head Yitzhak Ben-Aharon had got both sides to agree two months ago to begin negotiations on the question of basic salaries, which had not

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AFTER PARIS MEETING

Vietnam accord said not round the corner

PARIS (UPI). — The U.S. said yesterday that obstacles in negotiations could prevent a cease-fire agreement in Vietnam for some time. "I am not inclined at all to underestimate the problems which exist and which will face us still for some time," U.S. chief negotiator William Porter said in a prepared speech.

South Vietnam said yesterday peace can come only if Hanoi admits there are two Vietnams, just as there are two Germanys and two Koreas. Meanwhile, North Vietnamese and American diplomats held a technical work session for the third consecutive day to work on protocols relating to an eventual cease-fire.

The acknowledgement from Saigon and Washington that peace is not around the corner came at the weekly Paris peace talks which resumed for the first time since December 21.

The secret negotiations between White House adviser Henry Kissinger and Hanoi diplomats are scheduled to resume on Monday.

Mr. Porter in a prepared speech, sombre in tone, said, "I am not inclined at all to underestimate the problems which exist and which will face us still for some time."

He spoke of "this New Year of negotiations" and looking ahead "to what the year may bring" as if the peace talks could continue throughout the year. Mr. Porter said, "We would see this year as marking, at last, the concluding phase of this protracted conflict" and of the negotiations.

The Vietnamese speeches indicated policies of both sides have not changed on the central element of the war — whether Vietnam is one nation or two.

In Washington, President Nixon yesterday met Dr. Kissinger and other key advisers for a general review of the Vietnam situation and the negotiations which will resume in Paris.

The White House refused to give details of the discussion, which were also attended by Secretary of State William Rogers, Defence Secretary Melvin Laird and Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Dr. Kissinger is expected to leave Washington on Sunday for Paris to resume negotiations with Hanoi representative Le Duc Tho fixed for January 8. The Paris talks broke down on December 13, and five days later the U.S. launched massive bombing raids on North Vietnam. These were discontinued last Friday night. Meanwhile, Le Duc Tho arrived in Moscow last night on his way back to Paris. He came from Peking, where he met Chinese leaders.

16th B-52 shot down

SAIGON. — The U.S. command said North Vietnamese gunners shot down the 16th B-52 bomber of the war yesterday. It also reported the loss of another $15m. swing-wing F-111 jet in last month's raids over the Hanoi-Haiphong area.

The command announcements came as U.S. planes took advantage of clearing weather to step up attacks south of North Vietnam's 20th parallel bombing boundary that runs 105 kms. south of Hanoi.

Spokesmen said all six crewmen aboard the stricken B-52 baled out and were rescued from the Tonkin Gulf yesterday after the pilot guided the $8m. plane out over the water. The two F-111 crewmen, whose plane crashed "west of Hanoi" on December 22, were listed as missing and the cause of the downing was not known, the spokesman said.

Another 15 B-52s were downed over North Vietnam during President Nixons' 12-day bombing campaign of the Hanoi-Haiphong area that was suspended last week, according to the command. Yesterday's announcements brought to 29 the number of U.S. planes the command says were downed in the aerial blitz of Hanoi and its chief seaport. At least 84 American airmen are listed as killed, wounded or missing in the raids, command figures showed.

Meanwhile, North Vietnam announced yesterday that preliminary figures showed 1,318 persons were killed by B-52 bombing raids on Hanoi and added that it had found no sign the U.S. is ready to renounce further "aggression."

A communique of a special Hanoi investigating committee said that in the 10 days between December 18 and 29 American planes made more than 1,000 sorties, among them 500 B-52 attacks against the North Vietnamese capital.

It said there had been 2,372 dead and wounded under the rain of 40,000 tons of bombs which devastated densely populated areas.

(UPI, AP)

Egyptian police enforce closure of universities

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Sporadic clashes between Egyptian students and hundreds of government security forces in Cairo continued for the second day yesterday, as police moved onto university campuses to enforce the closure of Egypt's universities and high schools.

Last night more students were apparently arrested, but the number of students detained in yesterday's and Wednesday's street clashes is unknown.

The last of the students holding anti-government sit-in strikes were reportedly evicted from various campuses yesterday morning. The bulk of the dissidents were said to have been sent home by security forces on Wednesday night. At Cairo University and Ein Shams University, electricity was cut off during the night eviction operation.

The Associated Press reported last night, however, that students at Ein Shams University claimed yesterday that some 1,000 of their number would not leave the university campus until police either released their arrested friends or came in after them.

Para-military riot squads yesterday reportedly set up barricades around universities and high schools in various parts of the country to prevent students from reaching campuses closed down by government order on Wednesday night.

Yesterday's tight security measures indicated that the students might still go on with their anti-government protest against last weekend's arrest of students voicing opposition to the government.

Cairo Radio broadcasts yesterday repeatedly asserted that the student unrest had been escalated by hostile elements. One radio statement, attributed to a committee representing Egyptian university graduates, reminded students that Egypt was currently going through the gravest stage of its struggle against Israel.

The students were apparently feared to be organizing further anti-government demonstrations among other public groups. Earlier in the week the students had called upon labour unions to join in their protest.

At this stage the Government seemed to be in a fair control of the campuses, following the closure order which involved over 200,000 students from five universities and some 20 high schools through out Egypt.

Cairo, Alexandria and Assiut were most affected by the closure order.

The Middle East News Agency reported last night that President Sadat will visit Libya in the near future for talks with Col. Muammar Gadden. An unsourced, one-paragraph dispatch, datelined Cairo, failed to mention the date or purpose of the visit.

Egypt and Libya are planning to establish a full political union before next September.

Fatah leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Cairo yesterday to take part in the meeting of the P.L.O. National Council set to begin tomorrow.

Hospital workers to return to work

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The strike of 4,000 Government hospital administrative and service personnel ended yesterday afternoon with the strikers deciding to return to work.

The decision followed a six-hour meeting in the Histadrut Executive between Health Minister Victor Shemtov and representatives of the hospital workers' committee, the Histadrut, and the Civil Service Commission. The decision to call off the strike was taken shortly after Mr. Shemtov announced that the Government had formally adopted the findings of the "Padeh committee," which promised the Government hospital workers equal pay and conditions with those of Kupat Holim personnel.

Earlier this week, Mr. Shemtov had precipitated the strike when he announced that the findings of the "Padeh committee" were only a basis for negotiation. Yesterday he was instructed by the Ministerial Wages Committee to accept the findings and to end the strike.

Most of yesterday's session, therefore, was taken up with the practical application of implementing the findings. Under the agreement reached between the participants, an "implementation committee" will be set up within a few days, and "it will meet daily" to thrash out the practical application of the findings. Implementation should be completed within three months, it was decided.

The Ministerial Wages Committee sat yesterday in Tel Aviv. It heard reports from Mr. Shemtov about the hospital strike, and from Transport Minister Peres about the dockers' dispute.

The Secretary of the Engineers Union, Aharon Madanes, met yesterday with Yeruham Meshel, Acting Secretary-General of the Histadrut (during Mr. Ben-Aharon's absence abroad). Today the engineers will sit with Treasury representatives and trade union chiefs.

"We are seeking a formula to avert the strike announced for a week from Monday," he told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Dutch to ask East German compensation

AMSTERDAM (DNA). — The Dutch Government will demand East German compensation for World War II victims, before establishing diplomatic relations with the Communist country, Dutch Foreign Minister Norbert Schmelzer has said here.

He emphasised that the Dutch request would be made on behalf of "all victims — both Jewish and non-Jewish."

Mr. Schmelzer's statement on Wednesday came in response to a joint appeal made earlier this week by Dutch Ashkenazi, Sephardic, and liberal Jewish congregations.

(Holland is one of the 15 countries which Israel has asked to mediate between it and East Germany to obtain compensation for Jewish war victims. The Netherlands has not, however, yet answered this request.)

Our Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

The Government is considering the dispatch of formal notes to several friendly governments in connection with Israel's reparation claims against East Germany. Political sources said yesterday that no decision had yet been taken, but that the proposal to send notes was under discussion.

The sources said that several friendly governments had already approached the East Germans on Israel's behalf, following Israel's informal request for help. The sources would not say what the East German response had been.

Beirut Jewish leader said back home

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The Lebanese newspaper "al-Jarida" said here yesterday that the chairman of the Jewish Community Council in Lebanon, Albert Abdullah Elya, had appeared in Beirut last week after a 16-month disappearance.

There was no official confirmation of the report and a member of Mr. Elya's family said he had not yet returned to his home.

"Al-Jarida" said an Arab element, which it did not name, had kidnapped Mr. Elya "who is well-known for his marked activity in the interest of the Jews within and outside Lebanon." It was reported that the Arab element wanted to get from Mr. Elya "information on the activity of the Israeli intelligence in Lebanon and the other Arab states."

Mr. Elya disappeared in September 1971 while on his way from his home to his office at the Jewish Community Council here.

"Al-Jarida" said high-level contacts had taken place to secure his release. There was no official information on the whereabouts of Mr. Elya.

DIVERTED JUMBO LANDS AFTER BOMB THREAT

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, South Dakota (AP). — A Trans World Airline jumbo jet landed here safely last night after being diverted from a Madrid to New York flight because of a telephoned extortion bomb threat.

The caller told the airline in Madrid that a bomb aboard the airliner was set to explode below 3,000 feet, according to a TWA spokesman in New York. The elevation of Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, where the plane landed, is 3,270 feet above sea level.

A spokesman for Spanish security police headquarters in Madrid said the extortionist was "a mentally disturbed man who has been threatening airlines for some time."

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: The weather will remain fair and dry with a slight rise in temperatures.

Outlook for Saturday: Fair to partly cloudy with medium to high clouds.
Weather synopsis: A Red Sea trough covers the east Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	9	7—14	8—16
Golan	12	3—14	2—15
Nahariya	34	1—23	2—24
Safad	13	8—13	4—14
Haifa Port	13	10—20	10—31
Tiberias	23	3—21	5—22
Nazareth	10	7—16	8—19
Afula	13	1—20	3—32
Shomron	2	10—17	10—13
Tel Aviv	26	5—18	6—20
Lod Airport	28	2—22	4—24
Jericho	19	3—23	4—25
Gaza	48	5—20	5—22
Beersheba	7	4—20	5—22
Eilat	7	7—24	8—25
Tiran Straits	20	10—21	10—24

Social and Personal

Deputy Minister of Transport Gad Ya'acobi will speak on "Economic Situation and Policy" at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club today. Reservations by phone No. 662954.

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emil Adler will be remembered on this day by his family and friends.

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On the occasion of the *shloshim*, a memorial service for the late Louis P. Rocker will be held, on Wednesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. in the Keren Hayesod Assembly Room, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Leo Bernstein, executive vice-president, State of Israel bonds, for consultations.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Nissan Matri, political adviser to the Minister of Police, to the U.S. on a speaking tour for the U.J.A.

Texts allowed in matric

Difficult English words such as ingenuous (open, frank), bucolic (pastoral, rustic), ingenious (cleverly contrived), frangible (breakable) and fraudulent (by cheating), need no longer upset students writing their matriculation exams. Starting this year they may take their dictionary (but not an English-Hebrew dictionary) into the examination hall.

Texts may also be consulted in Bible, mathematics and history, Education Ministry spokesman Amnon Dankner announced yesterday.

The move is designed to help shift the emphasis from learning by rote to the ability to think and use sources. It is part of the overall reform, of matric examinations which is to be completed in two years, he said.

A Bible, history reference works and mathematics texts will be of use only to those students who know enough to make use of them during the limited time of the exam, educators feel.

Policeman mistaken for burglar

TEL AVIV. — A policeman yesterday caught a 22-year-old burglar as he came out of a Ramat Gan apartment house, but not before he himself was almost beaten up by neighbours who thought he was a member of the gang.

The policeman and a woman constable — both in mufti — had been on duty together in an operation aimed at snagging a gang of burglars who have recently been plaguing the Givatayim-Ramat Gan area. The police couple yesterday morning noticed three young men seated in a Ramat Gan cafe who answered a description given of three burglary suspects.

Leaving the cafe, the three men drove to an apartment house on Rehov Frug, followed by the policemen. They entered the building and the policemen posted themselves outside. Suddenly the three dashed out of the building; they had been surprised by a tenant who returned while they were ransacking his apartment.

Two of the men got away, but as the male policeman grappled with the third, neighbours attracted by the tumult pounced upon the policeman, taking him for a burglar. The girl managed to identify her partner, and they arrested the burglar. *(Itim)*

Kol raps overcharging in better restaurants

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday warned top restaurant owners that they undermine their own businesses and harm tourism by unreasonable prices.

Addressing the ninth annual awards ceremony of "forks" to restaurants by the Bazak Restaurant Guide at the Hilton Hotel, the Minister said the hotels had killed off business by over-charging. He warned the restaurants against doing the same thing.

He made public the fact that the main hotels have agreed to his proposal that guests need not take half-board except during peak seasons like Passover, Independence Day and Christmas. Being free to go out to eat was the best way for tourists to meet Israelis, Mr. Kol felt.

He praised Bazak and its director, Mr. Avraham Lewi, for having helped raise restaurant standards over the years. Courteous service and good food could make or mar a tourist's visit to Israel, he said.

Mr. Levi announced that the International Congress of Gastronomy would be held in Israel as part of the 25th Independence anniversary celebrations.

This brought Mr. Kol to air the pious hope that there would be no repetition of the last congress at the Binyenei Ha'ooma in Jerusalem, when at the opening dinner the food was mediocre and the wine sour. "But I came out all right. One of the leading French gourmets sent me five bottles of the finest French wine," Mr. Kol recalled with a smile.

Mr. Levi said that in this, the ninth year of the restaurant guide classification, the "tasters" ate at 160 restaurants. Only 70 were deemed fit to receive "forks," and only two were found worthy of the "outstanding" four forks category—the Casba and the Gondola, both of Tel Aviv. Chef Nicolai explained that the "tasters" has to downgrade some restaurants as a warning that their standards were slipping.

The most noticeable cases of downgrading, this reporter noted, were the restaurant at American House, down from four to three forks, Toutoune of Jaffa and Scotch House, also of Jaffa, both reduced from three to two "forks." Another Jaffa eating place, Tarshish, lost all grades and was rapped for "submediocre kitchen, pretentious menu and high prices."

Le Versailles in Tel Aviv — French cuisine "superb service and marvelously varied menu" won a deserved three forks, as did Lipsky's Polish cuisine "superservice and marvelous-forks.

The "tasters" found the two best restaurants in Jerusalem to be Goulash Inn and Pe'er — both getting three forks, with two forks going to Chez Simon, Alla Gondola, Hesse, Sea Dolphin, Mandarin and Pagoda. Haifa's best — two forks — was Bankers Tavern. The only other three fork restaurants in the country were graded in Eilat — Tiran and the Blue Fish.

Israel in U.K.'s mind in talks with Mart

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The British Ambassador, Mr. Bernard Ledwidge, said yesterday that Britain and Israel "shall be cooperating" in the negotiations this year over the trade agreement with the enlarged Common Market.

There is, he said, "a lot of common ground between Britain and Israel. You want to sell your citrus as cheaply as possible and we want to buy it as cheaply as possible."

Mr. Ledwidge was speaking to a group of foreign and local journalists at a cocktail party at his residencs in Ramat Gan.

He said that entry into Europe gave Britain's industry the wider markets it had lacked in recent years. The political aspect of entry would also be of growing importance: it represents a broadening of horizons for Britain after the gradual narrowing of Commonwealth horizons in the last few years.

Mr. Ledwidge said that Britain's joining would not alter its Middle East policies. It continued to hope for peace under Resolution 242 which would provide Israel with "secure and recognized boundaries."

Yadlin comes to defence of weekly 'Ot'

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin yesterday defended the party weekly "Ot" against sharp criticism at the weekly meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau.

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi and Mr. Mordechai Ben-Porat claimed the journal, which was financed by the entire party, reflected only a small group of minority opinion, often adopting an anti-Government line. Others took exception to the leading article in the latest issue which decried the Cabinet's opposition to Deputy Premier Yigal Allon's proposal to hold talks for a partial and an overall settlement simultaneously.

Mr. Yadlin said although he did not always concur with its editorial views, there was room for criticism even of the Government "as long as it was fair."

Mr. Ben-Porat claimed that "the group that appointed editor David Shaham and set the line" covered the IL250,000 annual deficit. He was angry that a party which had financial problems keeping branch offices open should provide the other quarter-million pounds for this magazine.

Dutch 'know nothing' of Eban visit

THE HAGUE (AFP). — A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday he knew nothing about any visit by Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban to this country in March.

The spokesman, referring to a report from Jerusalem Wednesday that Mr. Eban was planning such a trip, said that in case Mr. Eban came on a private visit, he might possibly pay a courtesy call on his counterpart, Dr. Norbert Schmeltzer.

(The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem said yesterday that Mr. Eban has a standing invitation from Mr. Schmeltzer but that no date has been set.)

Eight hurt in Negev crash

Eight people were hurt, two of them seriously, in a collision between a taxi and a pick up truck on the Beersheba-Sasd road yesterday.

A taxi driven by Elhash Almasi, 33, from Moshav Mefilot, crashed head-on into a truck driven by Tod Ishai, aged 50. Ishai, from Beersheba, was badly hurt, as was Yehi Halili, 27, from Mefilot, a passenger in the taxi.

The accident occurred 25 km. from Beersheba.

Holon police have meanwhile released the names of the two victims of a motor accident in town on Wednesday. The people killed when their commercial van collided with a bus were Israel Weinstein, 38, and Michael Dayan, 50. Both were from Beit Shemesh.

SOME IL5,500 WORTH of purses and leather briefcases were stolen yesterday by unknown persons from the shop of Yafeh Sussa, in the new municipal market of Beersheba.

Labour weighs successor to Shazar

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Informal talks have been going on among Labour Party leaders over the next President of the State. According to the law, President Shazar must step down in April.

Labour party circles say that the short list of likely candidates includes four names — J.N.F. President Yaacov Tsur, Supreme Court Justice Eliyahu Many, Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu and Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro.

The sources explained that there were strong sentiments in favour of nominating a member of the Sephardi community. Justice Many who is a scion of a distinguished Sephardi family would fit this category.

Mr. Yeshayahu's veteran comrades in the Labour Party felt that he, as an immigrant from Yemen, should be afforded the opportunity to become President of Israel.

On the other hand, some party circles are urging that the law be amended to extend President Shazar's term in office. However, it is unclear how much support such a measure enjoys.

MEMORIAL FOR LUZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A memorial meeting for the late Knesset Speaker, Kadish Luz, was held last night by the Labour Party here.

Eulogies were delivered by Prime Minister Golda Meir, Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin, and Zeev Tsur, of the Kibbutz Meuhad movement.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

A WAGE CONTRACT, the first in 15 years, has been signed between Tahal and its employees. It stipulates that salaries of Tahal's 750 employees will follow the gradings of the engineers and technicians.

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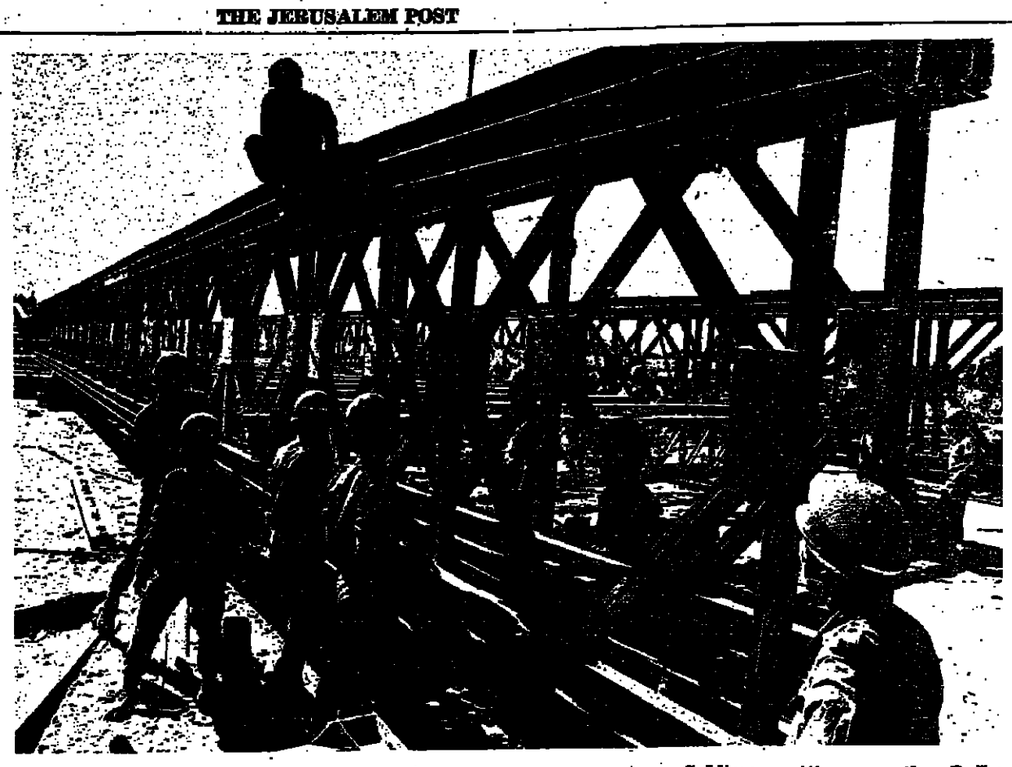
FIVE GIRL nursing and medical students were yesterday awarded IL1,000 scholarships by Mr. David Ben-Gurion at a ceremony in Jaffa. The scholarships, in memory of Paula Ben-Gurion, were sponsored by the Association of Working Mothers and the Negev Foundation.



Soldiers putting up the Bailey Bridge over the Yarkon River. The 53-metre-long and seven-metre-wide bridge was opened to traffic yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Tax relief on rent to help immigrants

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Income from rent will be tax-free on apartments leased after a certain date (yet to be specified) — provided the rent does not exceed IL500 a month.

Announcing this at a lunch with the press in Jerusalem yesterday, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir explained that the purpose is to increase accommodation available for immigrants, who are expected to number 60,000 this year. The authorities believe there are a good many unoccupied flats which, if rented, could help ease pressures, until an expanded construction programme gets under way.

Details of the proposal are under study in a committee headed by Mr. Shlomo Rosen, Deputy Minister of Immigration Absorption. The tax concession will be confined to premises rented between certain fixed dates. But the exemption, once granted, will last for three years.

Questioned about this, Mr. Moshe Neudorfer, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, thought that if an existing contract is cancelled and then renewed after the required deadline, it would qualify for the tax benefit.

EXPORTS EXCEED FORECAST

One newsman alleged that exports have risen less than predicted last year, and asked Mr. Sapir what he has in store for 1973. The Minister picked up the national budget for 1973, out of a ponderous file he had with him, and showed that the official export forecast for 1973 had been $1,940m., including invisibles. "What happened in fact? Exports in 1973 have topped $2,200m.," he said.

"As to next year, pessimists foresee a 13 per cent increase, optimists 15 per cent. Let me remind you that every ten per cent means an extra $220m."

He recalled that when he became Director-General of the Treasury in 1953, Israel's exports stood at $108m. It took twenty years to reach the first billion dollars, and five years after that to reach the second. "I believe we shall reach our third billion dollars worth of exports three years from now," he declared.

The country's foreign exchange reserves themselves exceed $1,000m. Mr. Sapir reminded his listeners that two years ago, at a similar pre-budget lunch, newspapermen had asked him (since the balance of payments was in deficit at the time) what will happen when the reserves run out. This made him think of the story about an old Jew who borrowed 250 roubles till the end of the week. Asked why he wanted the money, the Jew answered, "When you have 250 roubles in your pocket, people talk to you differently."

Amid laughter, he pointed out to the economic critics around him, "When you have a billion dollars of foreign exchange reserves in your pocket, people talk to you differently."

Other points made by Mr. Sapir included:

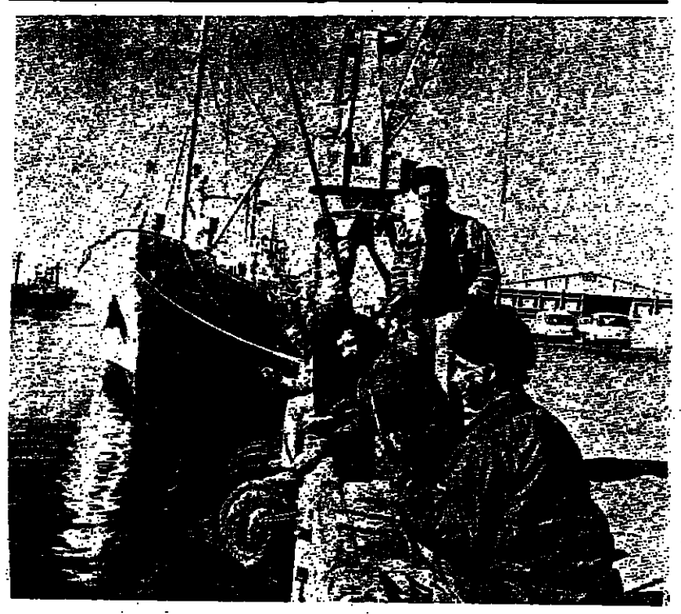
- The employers' loan will not be cancelled, because there is no better way of channelling IL700m. out of circulation at the present time.
- Mr. Sapir's only reason for postponing the added value tax from 1973 to 1974 is that the revenue authorities are not yet technically ready to apply it. "If I were influenced by election year — would I have announced that the AVT will be enacted in the following April?"

Army building Yarkon bridge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Army engineers have built a Bailey Bridge across the Yarkon River near the Ramat Gan stadium. The 53-metre-long, seven-metre-wide span will supplement the narrow existing bridge at the Arlosoroff-Petah Tikva Road junction. It is the largest Bailey Bridge in service in this country.

The Deputy Commander of the Engineers said the job was done without charge, but Netivei Ayalon Co., which is building a cross-Tel Aviv highway along the Ayalon River bed, supplied all the materials and equipment.



The only productive work being done in strike-bound Ashdod Port yesterday. The dockers brought their own fishing tackle when they came to work in the morning. (IPPA)

PORT STRIKES

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been changed for years. It was agreed that stevedores' wages be brought in line with those of building workers, and a Histadrut negotiating team headed by Mr. Eli Moyal presented a wage scale which matched up the dockers' nine wage grades with the first nine of the building workers. This would have meant a rise in overall pay of 40 per cent, Mr. Levy said.

He added that the Authority was prepared for what amounted to a 37 per cent overall rise, "but we were willing to compromise."

The men rejected this, Mr. Levy said, and demanded that their top grade equal the building workers' grade 10 — meaning a 45 per cent rise in overall pay. This the Authority was not prepared to pay.

Mr. Levy said the Authority would now renew negotiations only if the stevedores agree to discuss four issues besides wages — measurement of work norms, operation of new equipment (which the men have been boycotting), featherbedding and container handling. The stevedores have signed an agreement to allow new norms to be established, but have so far managed to evade the time-and-motion men sent to measure them. They have been handling containers but asking to be paid on the basis of the old and time-consuming cargo-handling methods.

The Ports Authority is understood to be looking into legal means of ending the dockers' sanctions.

Meanwhile, the Shippers' Council, which represents importers and exporters, yesterday agreed that all Israel-bound freighters will henceforth call at only one port, either Haifa or Ashdod, in order not to aggravate congestion still further. Council secretary Arieh Mehulal noted that the strike had come before the ports had managed to clear up the backlog caused by last month's strike of temporary dockers, and that 14 freighters were already waiting outside Haifa and Ashdod harbours. The shipowners have agreed to compensate importers at IL7.50 per ton for overland transport costs on all cargoes not unloaded at their port of consignment.

Mr. Mehulal said that though the importers and exporters are vitally interested in regular operation of the ports "we cannot agree to peace at any price in the ports." He warned that granting the dockers wage rises far above those agreed upon in other branches of the economy would result in another round of wage demands and called on the authorities to take a firm stand with the dockers.

El Al foremen hold sudden one-day strike

LOD AIRPORT. — The El Al technicians' foremen — who stayed on the job last month when the technicians were out on strikes — yesterday waged a strike of their own. The 150 foremen ended a 24-hour warning strike at noon yesterday as their representatives were negotiating with the company management for a new wage agreement.

An El Al spokesman told "Itim" yesterday he "couldn't understand" the strike, since negotiations hadn't broken down. Flights yesterday left on schedule, and maintenance work was uninterrupted, despite the strike, he said.

The spokesman said the foremen would be docked for the time they were out on strike. The company has asked the Histadrut to clarify the reasons for the walk-out.

The foremen are demanding pay rises "far in excess of any wages hitherto paid by El Al," the spokesman said.

Negotiations are due to continue today. *(Itim)*

Mark Spitz to wed

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz, 22, announced his engagement yesterday to Susan Weiner, 20.

Miss Weiner, an English major at the University of California at Los Angeles, who has appeared on several television commercials, and Spitz, who won seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, were introduced by their fathers last October. The wedding will be held in May at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Ugandans to get 500 British firms

KAMPALA (UPI). — President Idi Amin said yesterday that 500 British-owned companies here would be handed over to Ugandans. He told Acting British High Commissioner Henry Brind that 94 remaining companies would be allowed to remain under their current owners.

Gen. Amin said the takeovers would not be rushed and did not explain how they would be carried out. But diplomatic sources said they expected the firms' trading licences not to be renewed, forcing the owners to sell their businesses.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's Law Report the name of the appellant in the case was inadvertently transposed. It should have read Raphael Gideon.

Borkovsk loses bi to bar publicati

Avraham Borkovsky, fatt brother and sister in the *mamzerim* case, yesterday lo to have the High Court b cation of Chief Rabbi Sh ren's verdict in the case

The court ruled that th which rests on rejection kovsky's conversion to was already common know the damage to Borkovsk tation was already done.

Borkovsky had applied court last month for an o ring the Finance, Defence ligious Affairs Ministers f lishing the verdict. He decision which cleared th and sister of *mamzerut* handed down by the Rabbi Court of Appeals and c that he had not been re before the body that rule not a Jew. He maintained ficial publication of th would cause him great da

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(The Lubavitcher Reb Menachem M. Schneerson the influential Habad sec New York.)

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DRIVERS COMMITTING AN OFFENCE A DAY

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Transport Ministry will invest IL170,000 in the second stage of the road safety survey which has already shown that all Israeli drivers commit some driving violations every day.

Deputy Minister Gad Ya'acobi reported to newsmen Wednesday at Beit Sokolow on the progress of the project carried out in the Holon-Bat Yam area. The project is sponsored by Bar-Ilan University and the Road Safety Council. It recently received IL20,000 from the Association of Insurance Companies.

It is designed to show that if traffic violations can be reduced significantly, the number of accidents will go down. The technique is to observe large numbers of violations in a given locality, and to improve driver behaviour through warning letters and retraining.

Drivers are traced through their licence numbers. Cars are not stopped and traffic is not encumbered.

PHYSICS PROFESSOR

The project is the brainchild of Bar-Ilan physics Professor Gerald Ben-David. Supported by Psychology Professor Yitzhak Levin and the secretary of the Road Safety Council, Mr. Nathan Tel-Nir, he researched several busy intersections in Tel Aviv. For the last eight months he has concentrated his teen observers in the Holon-Bat Yam area. They enjoy the cooperation of the mayors of these towns.

Logging 500,000 cars driving past their observation stations in six months, the researchers found that about 150,000 of the drivers committed offences. (Police record about 80,000 offences a year in the entire country).

It was found that all drivers commit some offences every day, and that some are habitual offenders. The most frequent offence was failure to give directional signs. Others were failure to obey signs and entering an intersection against a red light.

Nearly 50,000 drivers were registered once, 10,000 more than five times and 3,000 at least ten times. Over 500 drivers were observed breaking the law 20 times and more.

POLITE LETTERS

Polite cautionary letters were sent to 12,000 offenders as a first step. Another 2,500 drivers received a second, stronger letter. A third letter, which included a list — with places and dates — of all their offences, was sent to 600 people.

The records of the 20 worst offenders — with 50-60 offences — were sent to the Holon licensing office, which may ask drivers to take retraining courses.

Prof. Ben-David was anxious to point out that he is interested in testing the effectiveness of this observation and communications methods — not in reporting offenders to police. "Our effort is purely educational," he said.

He reported that the safety officers of Egged, Dan and the army received monthly reports on their drivers observed in the Holon-Bat Yam area. Cooperation with them was very good, he said.

The research will be completed in 3 months. It will then be decided whether to introduce this kind of supervision in a larger area, or even nation-wide.

Unexpected visitor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A truck loaded with 20 tons of building materials crashed into and through the front wall of the Melzer Electrical Workshop in the Industrial Zone yesterday morning, entered the office and buried the secretary, Mrs. Tova Argaman, in the ruins. She was rescued by the workers and taken to the Rothschild Hospital, where her condition was reported as satisfactory.

Mrs. Argaman was shielded by the truck itself, thus escaping possible crushing.

The truck driver escaped unhurt, except for shock.

The accident occurred just after 7.30. The truck driver had to swerve right to avoid a collision with a car which had stopped for a red light. The truck scraped the car and crashed across the narrow traffic island that separates the highway from the service road and into the plant.

The truck came to a stop when it was nearly half way into the building. It was later extricated by a tow truck.

Greek Orthodox mark Xmas tomorrow night

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Greek Orthodox Community will tomorrow night celebrate Christmas eve, the second of three Christmases marked in the Holy Land. As observed by the eastern churches, Christmas falls two weeks after the western Christmas and 12 days before the Armenian, due to be celebrated on on the eve of January 18.

Christmas eve celebrations are scheduled to begin when the Greek Orthodox Patriarch emerges from Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem at 11.20 a.m. tomorrow.

The Patriarch, his Beatitude Benedictos 1, will proceed to Bethlehem, arriving about 1 p.m. in Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity. He will be given an official reception by Government representatives, mayors and local notables.

Later, he is to occupy a throne in the Church throughout the afternoon service — Royal Hours, Vespers *(Esperinos)* and Liturgy.

Midnight services at the Katholikon of the Church of Nativity will be preceded by a 90-minute Matine *(Orthors)*. The Patriarch and the clergy will be vested in copes.

He will be returning to his Jerusalem headquarters in the Old City at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Christmas Day, preceded by police outriders.

The eastern Christmas is also celebrated by the Russian Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, and Coptic churches. The Copts begin their observances tonight with services in the Grotto of the Nativity.

Munich victims' families accept sports medals

TEL AVIV. — The families of the 11 members of the Israeli Olympic squad who were murdered in Munich were yesterday awarded the Outstanding Sportsmen's Medal for 1972 on behalf of the dead athletes.

The "Hadashot Ha'sport" publication, which normally selects the recipients after taking a poll of its readers, decided this year to give the award to the 11 men who fell while representing Israel sports abroad.

Speaking at the ceremony at Beit Sokolow here, Mr. Emanuel Gil, of the Israel Olympic Committee, said the Olympic games organizers could not be blamed for the tragedy. "But one cannot go along with the cowardly and absurd continuation of the games after the disaster, and we especially condemn the release of the three terrorists who stained the Olympic flag with blood," he said.

As the audience watched in sober silence, the relatives received the medals one by one: the widow and son of Amitzur Shapiro; the family of Yosef Romano; the parents of Ze'ev Friedman, David Berger, Mark Slavin and Eliezer Halfin; the widow of Ya'acov Springer; the daughter of Kehat Shorr; and the widows of Moshe Weinberg, Yosef Gottfreund and Andre Spitzer. *(Itim)*

Polish hero here to stay honoured by Yad Vashem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Polish non-Jew — who escaped from Poland recently to come and settle in Israel with his Jewish wife — was honoured by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem yesterday as one of the "Righteous Gentiles of the World."

The recipient, Jerzy Duracz, was in his early twenties when the Germans invaded Poland. He was soon involved in underground rescue operations in the Warsaw area. On one occasion he hid five Jews in an abandoned flat, bringing them food and serving as their contact with the outside world.

On several occasions he stayed overnight in the flat himself, to raise the spirits of the fugitives.

Wounded in the foot in a clash with German troops in 1942, he nevertheless continued to care for the five Jews until a neighbour informed on them to the Germans. But Duracz helped them escape to the partisans fighting in the forests before the Germans arrived.

Duracz, whose wife is Jewish, managed to leave Poland several months ago and is now here with his family — to stay.

Some of the Jews whose lives he saved — now Israel citizens — came to Har Hazikaron in Jerusalem yesterday where Duracz was awarded the highest honour Israel can grant a non-Jew on behalf of the Jewish people: the Yad Vashem medal and the right to plant a tree in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles.

Polish underground hero Jerzy Duracz planting a tree at Har Hazikaron yesterday.

Brazil Foreign Minister coming here next month

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Minister of Brazil, Mr. Mario Gibson Barboza, will pay an official week's visit to Israel at the beginning of next month, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban is due to visit Switzerland at the end of this month to participate in fund-raising functions on behalf of Israel Bonds. The spokesman would not release the date for security reasons.

Safe returned to hotel before it was missed

TIBERIAS. — A routine police roadblock outside of Tiberias recovered a stolen hotel strongbox Wednesday night before the safe's sleeping owners even knew it was missing. Recovered along with the safe were four suspected thieves.

Police had stopped the car carrying the four men at the Golani intersection here for a routine check. It was then they noticed the strongbox inside.

It contained papers and money. Investigation showed it had been taken from the Ariston Hotel in the Kiryat Eliezer quarter here.

When police told the hotel's owners early in the morning to come and retrieve their safe, it turned out the owners hadn't known it was missing. *(Itim)*

Bandits in uniform rob Negev Beduin

BEERSHEBA. — Armed robbers in army uniforms on Wednesday took gold coins worth IL7,620 from Ibrahim Salame Abu-Rjeij of the Beduin village of Tel Sheva near here.

Police said it was possible the robbers were Beduin posing as soldiers.

Three men broke into Rjeij's house before dawn brandishing an Uzzi sub-machinegun, a pistol and knife. They hit him over the head with the pistol and then made off with the gold and IL25 in cash.

Wire to Teheran over Asian soccer tourney

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Football Association has wired the Iranian organizers of this year's Asian Youth Championships for an explanation why Israel has not yet been invited to participate.

Israel is the title holder. It won last year's tournament in Bangkok.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. Zeev Barsever, told *The Post* that, to the best of his knowledge, invitations are sent out by the host country, in this case Iran. He was commenting on a report from Teheran disclaiming Iranian responsibility and saying that the Asian Soccer Federation in Bangkok should have invited Israel.

In the list of participating nations released in Teheran, AP reports that Israel is included. It quoted a spokesman of the organizers who said that Israel will be represented when the tournament is held in April.

The following Asian countries have said they will participate: Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Japan, Singapore, India, Ceylon, Malaysia, Syria, South Korea and Iran. Burma and Bahrain have not yet sent their full acceptance, the source said.

Six held as police break up Ashdod smuggling ring

ASHDOD. — Six men — including three soldiers — have been arrested here in connection with smuggling ball-point pens, jewellery, and pornographic films aboard an Israeli freighter.

Earlier this week customs officials noticed suspicious activity going on aboard the mv Jaffa, tied up alongside the northern jetty here. A search of the ship revealed nothing irregular, but police continued to keep an eye on the movements of the crew and visitors.

Early Wednesday morning plainclothesmen cruising near the ship in a launch saw two soldiers approach the ship in a rubber dinghy. Large heavy sacks were lowered from the ship onto the rubber craft which then proceeded to make for shore. The policemen intercepted the boat and, after taking one hasty look at the sacks' contents, arrested the soldiers.

Later another soldier and three civilians — two crew members and a hired watchman — were also arrested. Police yesterday also found additional contraband aboard the ship.

The investigation continues and further arrests are expected, police said yesterday. *(Itim)*

Recidivist thief gets 40 months

NAZARETH. — A young Haifa man convicted of stealing IL900 in cash and cigarettes from an Afula restaurant was sentenced to 40 months in jail by the District Court here yesterday. The man, Salomon Suissa, 21, had two previous convictions for possessing stolen goods.

According to the prosecution, late in 1971 Suissa and a friend broke into the restaurant and then drove to Migdal Ha'emek, were they divided the money and cigarettes. *(Itim)*

Yariv back from Bangkok

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Aharon Yariv, Premier Golda Meir's special adviser on terrorism abroad, returned home yesterday from Bangkok.

Mr. Yariv, former head of Military Intelligence, will report to the Prime Minister on the security arrangements he found at the Israeli Embassy there which seized by four Arab terrorists a week ago.

He arrived home with two of the hostages, Embassy First Secretary Nitzan Hadas and his wife Ruth. The Hadases were accompanied by their infant daughter.

Frost damaged 15% of export oranges

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 15 per cent of export oranges have been hit by the cold snap, Mr. Aharon Hildesheimer, of the Citrus Marketing Board, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

There is also damage to part of the lemon crop. Grapefruit is unaffected, he said.

In an emergency meeting yesterday, the board decided on measures to ensure that the fruit exported would be of the usual "high" Jaffa standard quality. It also approved a programme to compensate farmers for losses from the frost.

Kahane to meet Druse to apologize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Rabbi Meir Kahane and other Jewish Defence League leaders yesterday agreed to appear at a meeting of Druse leaders called for next week.

The League had sent letters to various Druse citizens urging them to emigrate.

Rabbi Kahane reaffirmed that the letters had been sent to the Druse by mistake, and he would apologize at the meeting. He made his appearance conditional on the participants refraining from attacking the League.

The J.D.L. had intended that the letters, offering to cover the cost of emigration, would be sent to Arabs. The Attorney General is studying whether the League might not be liable for prosecution for offending religious or racial sensibilities.

Hebrew U. profs. continue go-slow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebrew University professors have decided to continue their partial strike, but not take steps beyond their present "administrative non-cooperation." A general meeting was held Wednesday evening.

The professors are demanding 25 per cent "research increments" parallel to those they claim are paid at the Technion.

Hebrew U. faculty from the rank of senior lecturer up are not part of the national University Teachers Association. They are therefore not covered by the national agreement initialled over two weeks ago but which still has to be ratified by the staffs and administrations of each institution.

300 RUMANIAN TORA scrolls were sent to Israel last week by Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen for distribution to new settlements.

Israeli college rugby side eaten 15-10 by Cyprus team

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The Cyprus Lions British Army team yesterday edged out Israel's combined universities 15-10 in a gruelling match at the Givat Hen national stadium in Jerusalem.

In contrast with their overwhelming 50-0 victory over a local invitation XV on Wednesday, the tries were taken all the way by the home side, made up of players from the Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities and the Technion. The game was well refereed by Major Robert Hodge, of the British Army contingent.

The visitors were rewarded for their early pressure with two fine tries by their wing three-quarter Mason, to add to the three he scored in the first match of the tour. However, the universities pack back courageously, and their fly back Brazg crossed for a fine try-book try just before the interval.

Immediately after the turn-round, referee gave the Lions an 11-4 advantage with a penalty, but the Israelis replied at once with an opportunist try from Stillerman — who with his fellow loose forward Hen and their skipper Judelman led the Israeli pack in some fine dribbles.

With both sides battling for control, the Lions' forward Swap was put through by scrum-half Mills for their third try, but Judelman amazingly charged down Walker's easy conversion. The contest ended on a high note with Brazg and scrum-half Chait completing sterling performances by spearheading an end-to-end forward rush which, with a lucky bounce, would have been rewarded with a try. Other University stars were their backs Goldenberg and Herman.

Tomorrow the Lions meet the National XV at the Hapoel Stadium in Givatayim in Israel's first rugby "test." Kick-off is at 2.45 p.m.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 196109 and No. 622459. Number 339498 won won IL50,000 and numbers 268337 and 623120 won IL12,500. Tickets 261930, 639197, 647262 and 703631 won IL6,250. Tickets ending in 4 won IL4.

The following won IL1,250: 180365, 309284, 596923, 779323, 746571, 141068, 266592, 525560, 703896, 108914, 206275, 517603, 656098, 072553, 206260, 417303, 603091 060455, 188028, 396890 and 599663.

First four grades to go to school 29 hours a week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pupils of the first four grades of elementary school are to have 29 hours of classes a week instead of the present 24, beginning next year. Grades three and four will start the longer week in the 1973/74 school year and grades one and two will follow in 1974/75, the Education Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

This increase in teaching hours — from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. to 12 noon a day, except Friday — is independent of plans for the "long school day," which will be implemented gradually in grades four to eight by 1980. This is slated to include lunch at school and afternoon programmes supervised by teachers and counselors.

The additional five hours a week will be devoted to hitherto neglected subjects, such as education to social values, art and sports. Budgets are available and existing staffs will do the teaching, the spokesman said. The longer school day will also help mothers who work half-days, he added.

CONCEALING IL55,000 in income cost Netanya flooring subcontractor Pinhas Cohen two months in jail and a IL25,000 fine in the Tel Aviv District Court on Wednesday. Cohen was convicted of concealing IL40,000 in fiscal 1969 and IL15,000 in 1970.

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ISRAEL TREE PLANTING IRKS THE THAIS

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BANGKOK, — Thai authorities were irked yesterday to learn through news agencies that Israel has decided to plant a forest in honour of the King.

The failure of Jerusalem to notify Ambassador Refravam Amir of the decision also placed the envoy in an embarrassing position yesterday morning when, at a routine meeting with Thai officials, he was asked whether Israel had sought the monarch's consent to name a forest after him. He was obliged to admit he had also learned about it from press reports.

Thai centuries-old customs and ceremonies remain an integral part of every aspect of their life. The determination of the court and the government that no tragic event should mar the auspicious occasion of the Crown Prince's investiture last week played a major rule in the concerted effort they exerted towards a peaceful solution.

Anything concerning the royal family is subject to strict protocol, and the importance of observing proper procedure is greatly magnified when the matter involves the august person of the King.

Israeli diplomats here are constantly reminded of the importance Thais attach to ceremony. Only yesterday morning, while Mr. Amir was at the meeting, one of Bangkok's most eminent citizens called at the embassy to request, and receive, permission to appease and thank the "house spirits" of the building.

Boon Yon Vongvanig, prominent businessman and president of the Young Buddhists Association of Thailand and many other public organizations, was one of the 72 community leaders invited to attend last week's investiture. After the principal ceremony was over, all were summoned to the Queen's presence, informed of the attack on the embassy, and were requested to do all they could to convince the terrorists to leave without harming the hostage.

Boon immediately repaired to his medium, a highly venerated priest, to seek his guidance. He was told that the house which the embassy rents is known to be invested by bad spirits. The bonze added that if the seizure is resolved without bloodshed, the house spirits should be appeased and thanked by offerings and prayers exactly a week after the attack.

Yesterday, after receiving permission, Boon arrived at the embassy gates in a van bursting with food and accompanied by a team of six servants. They later proceeded to carry the sacrifical foods to a tiny shrine behind the house, the existence of which was not suspected by the Israeli staff.

After the food was laid out on five tables, the Thais began fervent prayers, including appeals to the spirits to guard the house and its occupants. The hour-long ceremony ended with the lighting of incense sticks at the shrine and all along the embassy fence.

Most of the food, now blessed, was taken away to be given to Buddhist monks. The remainder was left for the benefit of the spirits and, the embassy staff was tactfully informed, for whoever wished to partake of it.

The Thai authorities, however, are not depending on spirits alone, and have delegated 10 policemen armed with submachineguns to guard the embassy, in two shifts.

Ambassador Amir would not comment yesterday on a report in the usually reliable English-language "Bangkok Post" that his own limousine was now equipped with a machinegun.

ARABS WATCHED

BANGKOK. — Police are keeping a close watch on Arab visitors to Thailand under new security measures introduced after four Arab terrorists occupied the Israel Embassy here last week.

Immigration sources said the terrorists who seized the embassy may have entered Thailand on forged Saudi Arabian and Omani passports. They said the possibility that one of the group brought in arms by using a diplomatic passport was also being considered.

They said the terrorists started on their mission from Saudi Arabia and came to Bangkok in pairs.

The four terrorists left behind a hotel bill for $324 and a reputation as big tippers. As a result, the Amarin hotel, five minutes walk from the Israel Embassy, is not taking any more bookings from Arabs, said the manager, Somnuk Sinhabuedya.

"I thought of taking the bill to an Arab embassy here," said the former police captain. "But who would care about it?"

All Somnuk has to show for the occupancy of four rooms for fivedays is four suitcases of clothes, three flight bags and three paperback books.

Thai police said the four terrorists apparently smuggled the guns in the bottom of the suitcases, padding them with plastic and clothes.

According to the hotel register the Arabs checked in two at a time, a day apart. "They got together in room 835 every night. They acted like rich businessmen, they paid big tips to the hotel maids," said Somnuk. *(Reuter, AP)*

Mao Tse-tung is shown meeting with Vietcong Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Bin in his study in Peking last week. (AP radiophoto)

Rockets hit Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH (AP). — Nineteen Communist rockets hit Phnom Penh's suburb of Pochentong Wednesday night, killing two persons and wounding 19 others, the high command reported yesterday.

In southern Cambodia, the command said, intense fighting continued along National Routes Two and Three with the Communists holding the offensive in a struggle to control the region's rich rice harvest.

The Command's spokesman, Col. Am Rong, said a barrage of 122mm. rockets also damaged three planes and destroyed one military aircraft at Pochentong International Airport.

The colonel said Vietnamese Communists "infiltrated" into Tram Khnar, a provincial capital and district town on Highway Three, 43 kms. south of the capital. The town has been the hub of recent fighting in the south.

Col. Am Rong said the Communists set fire to Tram Khnar's market place, villagers' houses and a temple and led away the head monk.

21 die as Thai bus is mined

BANGKOK (AP). — Terrorists detonated a land mine under a minibus on a road in northeast Thailand's Nakhon Phanom province on Tuesday, killing 21 passengers including one policeman and two village defence volunteers, police reported here yesterday.

Two other passengers were wounded in the blast and were treated at a provincial hospital.

It was the first time that civilians have been killed in large numbers by terrorist action. Police believed the terrorists mistook the minibus for one loaded with policemen patrolling the road.

Meir: Paris trip 'normal gesture'

PARIS (INA). — Prime Minister Golda Meir has described her coming visit here for the Socialist International as "a normal gesture for someone who is a vice-president of the organization."

Mrs. Meir justified her planned visit in Jerusalem this week in a meeting with the director of the Franco-Israel Alliance, Mr. Salomon Friedrich.

She was responding to French critics who have called her presence in Paris two months before French legislative elections "interference in internal French affairs," Mr. Friedrich told INA.

In the interview, Mrs. Meir said she would meet with no officials other than those present at the Socialist meeting.

Nor, she said, was she planning to participate in demonstrations or even give a press conference.

(At Lod Airport, Rabbi Nathan Tscheskala, a member of the Chief Rabbinate in Paris and a Mizrahi leader, told "Itim" yesterday he thought Mrs. Meir's visit was not a good idea. "It may be exploited by the French Socialists for political campaign purposes," he said.

(Rabbi Tscheskala, who is in Israel for the World Mizrahi conference, said he was speaking only for himself and that he did not represent French Jewry.)

Meanwhile, French Socialist national secretary Robert Pontillon told reporters yesterday that Mrs. Meir will be in Paris solely in her capacity as Labour Party leader — and so will the Premiers of Austria, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Earlier M.E. peace bid conditional on Vietnam settlement

By K.C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — Middle East diplomats said yesterday they expect the U.S. to advance its much expected Middle East peace initiative to the early spring because of the anticipated delay in the summit between President Nixon and Soviet party Chairman Leonid Brezhnev.

But any significant Middle East peace move will be conditional on a prior settlement of the Vietnam war, they said.

Mr. Brezhnev had been expected to go to Washington by April, when the Middle East conflict and ways to tackle it were to have been high on the summit agenda. But on latest indication Mr. Brezhnev may not now make the trip before the late summer or early fall.

American, European and Middle East diplomats were said to be uneasy lest a further long delay of a new peace initiative could set off a serious political crisis in Egypt and possible serious military repercussions. A delay to the fall would coincide moreover with preparations for the Israel general election during which period Israel could be expected to take a harder line, they added.

The projected Nixon-Brezhnev summit was evidently expected to clear the decks for a new peace move, with Russia maintaining a crucial stake in the Middle East developments.

The Russians themselves have indicated in private talks they are not planning an initiative o own. The Europeans who ha ned an independent peace tive have pulled back for l agreement among themselves ing the Americans to take th

As far as has been intim the key Middle East countri cerned, the projected An peace initiative will remain on the idea of an interim ment, centring on opening th Canal and a part pull-back Israelis from the Canal. The be some modifications and modified ideas but apparen significantly new scheme has ed so far which could c better chance of success, d tic sources said.

The Russians have made table suggestions lately exc reaffirming that they stanc political settlement along th of the U.N. Security Cour solution, insisting on compl raeli withdrawal from o Arab lands. They have re told Cairo not to risk a ne and warned they will not ba out if they act on their o were to face another defea new military encounter.

But they were said to b ing a close eye on any A moves and would not be to to see an American initiati into a major success for policy in the Middle East. stage they would probably get in on the act."

U.K., Syria may restore ties

BEIRUT (AP). — Britain and Syria will establish full diplomatic relations within a month, a Lebanese magazine said yesterday.

As a preliminary step to restoring ties broken during the 1967 war, the two countries have decided to open interests sections in friendly embassies in their respective capitals, the magazine "Al Hawadess" said.

It added that as a result of a visit to Damascus last week by Lebanon's Ambassador to London Nadim Dimechkiya, Syrian diplomats will be assigned to the Lebanese embassy in London and British diplomats will take up positions in the Swiss embassy in Damascus.

A British Foreign Office official visited Syria last month and said Whitehall was interested in restoring relations.

A British embassy spokesman in Beirut said the report was "basically correct" regarding the exchange of diplomats but added that restoration of full relations probably will take longer. In Damascus, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "nothing official has been announced yet."

India beats England in second Tes

CALCUTTA (Reuter).—Spi Bishen Singh Bedi and B.S drasekhar bowled India to victory over England in the cricket Test here today to the series at one match e

The crowd of 70,000 in Eden Gardens stadium deafeningly when England's innings ended just after 1 163 and they conceded defea runs.

For India, it was a victory the odds. England had loo placed at the resumption y morning with 105 for four board towards a target of with Tony Greig and Mike continuing a thriving stan put on 88 overnight.

But Bedi and Chandrasek mused the batsmen, and remaining England wickets the addition of a sorry 58 the overnight score.

Cuba goes deeper in debt to Russia

MIAMI (UPI). — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has announced the Soviet Union has agreed to refinance Cuba's debt and grant $390m. in credit for development of nearly every phase of the Cuban economy.

Dr. Castro made the announcement in a radio-television speech carried by Radio Havana and monitored in Miami. He said he had signed five agreements with the Soviet government on December 23, during his visit to Moscow for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the USSR.

Western experts estimated the Cuban debt to the Soviet Union at $3,000m. not counting Russian arms deliveries.

Dr. Castro said the Soviet government had agreed to postpone collections on all Cuba's debts through the first of this year, with first payments to begin in 1986 and continue over a 25-year period. He said interest charges were also suspended until 1986.

Another agreement provided interest-free long-term credits to cover the unfavourable balance of trade between Cuba and the Soviet Union during the next three years, Dr. Castro said.

New credits permit Cuba to buy more goods than it exports to the Soviets.

The Soviet will guarantee prices higher than world-market rates for Cuban sales to Russia of sugar and nickel, or about 11 cents a lb. for sugar and $5,000 a ton for nickel.

MASKS. — All 50,000 workers in Porto Marghera, the industrial port of Venice, must be equipped with gas masks to protect them from air pollution, under an order issued by authorities yesterday.

At reception in U.S. Embassy in Moscow on Wednesday night are shown, left to right, Yuri Brezhnev, son of Soviet leader, his sister Galina, Patricia Nixon Cox, Galina's husband, and Edward Cox. (AP radiophoto)

Soviets arrest woman dissident

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet authorities on Wednesday arrested a young woman dissident and told her poet-husband she would be investigated for anti-Soviet activity, informed sources said.

The sources reported that the arresting officer had said the arrest was connected with the continued appearance of the "Chronicle of Current Events," the underground typescript journal which lists alleged human rights violations in the Soviet Union.

Its most recent issue — number 27 — appeared in November and the sources said the investigator told the women's husband, Vadim Delone, the authorities were now fulfilling their threat to arrest certain dissidents if the "Chronicle's" publication did not cease.

The sources said police arrested the woman, Irina Belogorodskaya, at eight o'clock Wednesday morning. Her husband, who served nearly three years in a labour camp for demonstrating against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, was also detained, but was later released. (Under Soviet law a wife does not have to take her husband's name.)

The officer investigating the case told Mr. Delone his wife was being held under article 70 of the Russian criminal code, which covers anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda, the sources said.

PAKISTANIS. — Muscat police have arrested 626 Pakistanis trying to enter the country illegally at Sur, 160 kms. southeast of Muscat, Government sources announced yesterday. They will be held pending court hearings that will result in their deportation to Pakistan, the sources said.

AIRLINES. — American airline companies yesterday failed in a bid to get a one dollar fare increase to offset the cost of new anti-hijacking security measures at airports.

Five saboteurs executed in Iran

TEHERAN (AP). — Five Iraqi-trained saboteurs were executed by firing squad yesterday for planting bombs in public places, a government communique announced.

It said the five were caught trying to put a bomb in a gas station at Sannandej, 112 kms. from the Iraqi border, where the executions took place.

They admitted at their trial they were trained in camps in Iraq, it added. One said he went to Iraq because he was wanted in Iran for the murder of a woman.

P.L.O. congress opening in Cairo

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Palestinian Liberation Organization has summoned 170 delegates to a National Congress scheduled tomorrow in Cairo. Reports indicated that only a small number of them had arrived in the Egyptian capital by last night.

No representative from either Jordan or the Israel-administered West Bank and the Gaza Strip will take part in the session.

The meeting comes at a time when the P.L.O. appears to be reorganizing itself.

(See today's Weekend Magazine)

Mintoff hastens to Libya after new row

VALLETTA (Reuter). — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff flew to Tripoli yesterday, apparently to brief Libyan leaders on his government's latest dispute with Britain over rent for the maintenance of British military bases in Malta.

The one-day visit for talks with the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, raised speculation here that Libya might be ready to step in again with financial aid for Malta should Mr. Mintoff fail to get more money out of Nato and Britain.

The current dispute with Britain is over Mr. Mintoff's demand for an increase of 10 per cent over the £14m. annually which Britain and Nato has agreed to pay Malta as rent for the British bases.

Mr. Mintoff has demanded the extra 10 per cent — £1.4m. annually — claiming that sterling has dropped that much in value since the floating of the pound. But Britain has refused to foot the extra bill, and its first rent instalment for 1973 of £3.5m. sent to Malta this week was returned by Mr. Mintoff.

Libya, which is keen on seeing foreign military and political influences removed from Malta, is said to have lent Malta money on a previous occasion to tide it over a cash shortage. But just how much Libya gave Malta then, or under what conditions, has never been revealed.

Mr. Mintoff flew to Libya in an executive jet provided by the Libyan government. With him went only his secretary, Mr. Joe Camilleri, raising speculation that the Prime Minister had no immediate plans to sign any agreement in Tripoli with the Libyan leader. Otherwise, it was thought, he would have taken a bigger delegation.

In Brussels, a Nato spokesman said the Western allies conferred again yesterday on the Malta problem but took no decision.

Bombs dam luxury clu in Argenti

ROSARIO' Argentina (Re Five bombs badly damage ury nightclub here early but caused no casualties, po

Three young couples wh fied themselves as urban burst into the "One Watt a residential district br firearms, forced clients and leave and then planted in five places, police said.

They painted slogans before fleeing in three car later, the blasts smashed the floor and blew out wi

Night sports and golf c quented by the wealthy h favourite targets for gue Argentina during the years.

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Zichron Ya'akov and Jerusalem, April 1-12, 1973

An approach to the patient in pain and the mechanisms which create his pain will require the combined efforts of clinicians and basic and applied scientists. The aim of this seminar is first to bring together the new facts from the clinic and the laboratory, and then to define the nature of problems and suggest future action.

The first week of the seminar, April 1-5, at Zichron Ya'akov, will be devoted to a consideration of basic mechanisms and certain defined clinical problems. In the second week, April 8-12, at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem, the emphasis will shift to a definition of success and failure in therapy, and to discussions of the role which scientists and clinicians might play in attacking these problems.

The seminar will consist of a series of lectures and discussions on science and medicine, and of workshops to tackle particular problems. The first week's activity and workshops will be open to a selected group of fellows. The lectures and discussions in the second week in Jerusalem at the Van Leer Institute will be open to all those professionally interested. The programme is organized by Prof. P.D. Wall, University College, London. The invited lecturers will include, for neurology and neurosurgery, Drs. Beller, Israel; Noordenbos, Holland; Casey, U.S.; for pharmacology, Drs. Bergmann, Israel; Werman, Israel, and Truant, U.S.; for anaestheteology, Drs. Bonica, U.S. and Simpson, U.K.; for psychiatry, Dr. Merskey, U.K. and Edelstein, Israel; for psychology, Dr. Melzack, Canada.

Applications are invited from scientists, clinicians and students interested in pain problems. They should be sent, with curriculum vitae, to P.O.B. 14318, Jerusalem by January 31, 1973. Replies will be sent by February 15, 1973, and those accepted will have the costs of their stay at Zichron Ya'akov paid. The selection will be made on the basis of encouraging those likely in the future to be actively engaged in research on pain problems.

A further programme is planned in Israel on a Centre for the Relief of Pain, where basic and applied research would be undertaken.

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...HE CHALLENGE ...O SADAT'S RULE ...OULD SPREAD

MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

...main reason for this ...ment to close down ...universities and colleges ...wake of Wednesday's ...clashes in Cairo was per...the realization that a ma...allenge was being posed ...ould no longer be under...ed.

...ng their order to send ...home on an early four...mid-year vacation — which ...ginally due to begin next ...ay — the authorities seal...the country's campuses ...the same time rushed ...cements to guard govern...institutions.

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...ct on ...the government seem...be facing a revolutionary ...n — the second involving ...dents since last January. ...ago about 1,500 students ...rrested and many people ...d — among them some ...licemen — but the Gov...t then had mainly to face ...udent circles debating re...condary issues. This week, ...r, the students appear to ...ken up grievances which ...d wide segments of the ...ion.

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...e same way as last year, ...Egyptian authorities this ...harged that the students ...eing incited by "foreign ..." seeking to undermine ...ation on the home front ...he country was prepar...r a "liberation war" ...Israel.

...'s official news media ...ly attributed the student ...to "outside circles." The ...East News Agency blamed ...ation on the U.S. and ...and Cairo Radio hinted ...stage that some of the ...ility was being laid at ...r of the Soviet Union, ...relations with Cairo de...d after Egypt's ousting ...Russians last July. The ...nal unions were quoted ...ng that certain foreign ...were "moving the adven...left" into creating dis...s against the government. ...fficial claims were open...ted by students, who em...t that their main griev...s that a state of "stag...had developed in the country during Sadat's two-year reign. They had lost confidence in the President's words and deeds, and considered both as merely serving to help consolidate the regime.

The students have been in the vanguard of the political struggles of an Egyptian people — a people with a high rate of illiteracy — and the present confrontation with the Sadat Government is clearly of a political nature. The students want the Government to clarify the political situation, particularly on the Middle East crisis. They see Sadat as balancing between warmongering and talk of political settlement and not making any progress in either direction.

The grievance of the students has been expressed in various quarters in Egypt, including parliament, which last month openly challenged the Government on its war and peace policies.

About 500 Egyptian writers and intellectuals also protested recently that the Government's policy is leading to stagnation, even in the country's cultural life. "Egypt's cultural life is dying a slow, painful death under the stranglehold of innumerable constrictions, censorship, religious, social and political bigotry, graft and corruption," the writers said. The intellectuals obviously feel that the welfare of the country is being jeopardized by Sadat's concentrating on his struggle for the survival of his regime.

The students feel that the country is becoming a police state as Sadat cracks down on political and military opponents and plants Government agents in the universities and in the labour movement and army.

Sadat is facing opposition from leftist circles, who condemn his expulsion of the Russians, and from rightists, who resent his overthrow of the former War Minister, General Mohammed Ahmed Sadek. Sadek was against any return of the Russians while Sadat has been seeking a reconciliation with the Soviet Union.

Neither the left nor right seems to trust the Egyptian President, whose dilemma stems from his ambition for power — an ambition that could lead him to brutal steps.

Realizing this the students are not only challenging Sadat's government but his rule, openly seeking his overthrow. It remains to be seen to what extent the grievances of the students have spread to other sectors of the population, especially the army.

U.K. joins Europe with roses and stink bombs

By RODNEY FINDER

LONDON (AP). — A stench of stink bombs, a fragrance of roses, a hubbub of booing and a chorus of singing Wednesday night ushered in Britain's "Fanfare for Europe."

The month of official celebrations marking Britain's entry into the European Economic Community on January 1 got off to a mixed beginning.

A gala concert at London's Royal Opera House was one of the first, and probably most lavish, events.

The government had set aside some $820,000 to entertain a host of European figures with more than 200 artists, including opera singers, the full Opera House orchestra, top stage personalities and state trumpeters.

Inside, the celebrated Covent Garden portals were a riot of a million roses. Outside, a couple of hundred demonstrators stopped short of a riot but gave Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip and Prime Minister Edward Heath a nasty moment with catcalls and a flurry of stink bombs.

The crowd, most of them followers of the extreme right-wing National Front, booed the monarch and her consort and hoisted a lynched effigy of the Prime Minister placarded with the word "traitor."

The front believes Britain has signed away its independence by joining Europe.

The smell bombs fell far short of the royals, but the Queen's smile turned into a grimace of intense displeasure as she got out of her limousine. Prince Philip raised his eyebrows in an expression of dismay.

Tight security was imposed throughout the Opera House. The doors were kept locked and it was not possible to move from one flower-draped gallery to another without a special pass.

London demonstrators with effigy of Premier Heath protesting against Britain's entry into Common Market Wednesday night (see story this page). (AP radiophoto)

Defence in California mass-killing rests case

FAIRFIELD, California (AP). — The four-month Juan Corona murder trial headed toward a quick and unexpected conclusion after defence attorney Richard Hawk rested his case on Wednesday without calling a single witness.

Hawk's move stunned the crowded courtroom and obviously surprised Sutter County District Attorney G. Dave Teja, who asked that closing arguments be delayed until next Monday.

Corona himself — charged with hacking 25 itinerant farm workers to death and burying them in makeshift graves near the agricultural community of Yuba City — showed no emotion.

The defence tactic meant the trial — started last September 11 — probably will go to the jury sometime late next week.

Hawk rested his case after Superior Court Judge Richard Patton denied his motion for a directed verdict of acquittal on the grounds of insufficient evidence produced by the prosecution in the past 13 weeks.

In the absence of the jury, Hawk and Teja provided a brief preview of next week's closing statements, as they argued over Hawk's motion for dismissal. During 20 minutes of debate, the two lawyers reviewed the testimony of 117 prosecution witnesses and nearly 900 pieces of evidence.

APATHETIC. — Jenny Collins, host of a Liverpool radio talk show, asked listeners to telephone the station on Wednesday to talk about the day's subject — apathy. Miss Collins said nobody bothered to ring.

'Godfather' tops 'Gone with Wind'

NEW YORK (AP). — In the single year of 1972 the film "Godfather" drew $81m. in the U.S.-Canada market alone to leap ahead of the 1939 spectacular "Gone With the Wind" in the all-time movie box office sweepstakes.

"Variety," the show business weekly, reported these statistics on Wednesday in its 67th anniversary edition, but remarked that a new all-time leader could develop in 1973 when the current third-placer, "Sound of Music" is given a full-scale reissue.

The 1972 box office race was a runaway in the U.S.-Canada market. Second-place "Fiddler on the Roof" scored less than one-third of the "Godfather's" total with $25.1m. Other leaders: the British-made James Bond "Diamonds Are Forever," $21m.; "What's Up, Doc" with Barbra Streisand, $17m.; "Dirty Harry," $16m

Lansky cites medical excuse to delay court appearance

MIAMI (AP). — Citing a doctor's diagnosis of "early congestive heart failure," reputed underworld financial genius Meyer Lansky on Wednesday asked for an indefinite delay of his scheduled January 8 court appearance on contempt charges.

U.S. District Court Judge James L. King set a Thursday hearing on the 71-year-old Lansky's continuance motion. The government said it would oppose the granting of a postponement.

Lansky has been in and out of a hospital since his return to the U.S. from Israel on November 1. He made an abortive attempt to find asylum in several Latin American countries, after he was forced to leave Israel.

Lansky is free on bonds totaling $650,000 and faces contempt charges in Miami for failing to appear before a federal grand jury. He is also scheduled to stand trial on February 5 in Las Vegas on charges of skimming profits from a gambling casino.

U.S. prison rebels release hostages

REIDSVILLE, Georgia (AP). — Four prison guards held hostage for more than six hours by a group of rebellious inmates were released unharmed on Wednesday, after authorities agreed to meet some of the prisoners' demands.

The 44 maximum security prisoners seized the guards during the lunch period at the state's main prison and threatened to decapitate one of them, prison authorities said, if they were not allowed to talk to newsmen and representatives of a citizens committee.

Two of the guards were freed after Ellis MacDougall, State Commissioner of Offender Rehabilitation, conferred with the inmates. Less than an hour later, the other two hostages were released.

...urchill, in love letters, ...ked wife for comfort

... (AP). — "My Darling ...ed Winston Churchill, "I ... happy and you have ... how noble a woman's ...be."

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...ly he asked for comfort. ...d his wife to send him ...love" and "lots of love ...kisses."

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In one letter from France Churchill told his wife what to do in the event of his death.

"Do not grieve for me too much," he wrote. "I am a spirit confident of my rights. Death is only an incident and not the most important which happens to us in this state of being.

"On the whole, especially since I have met you, my darling one, I have been happy and you have taught me how noble a woman's heart can be.

"If there is anywhere else, I shall be on the lookout for you. Meanwhile look forward, feel free, rejoice in life, cherish the children, guard my memory. God bless you. Goodbye. W."

"The Times" said Churchill's love letters would be published by Heinemann later this month in two volumes accompanying the latest stage of a biography by Martin Gilbert.

Three Rhodesians injured by mine

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP). — Three Rhodesian security force members suffered minor injuries in a landmine explosion yesterday.

An official communique said an undisclosed number of terrorist infiltrators and a quantity of army equipment had been seized in a tribal area.

Ten servicemen have been wounded since December 21 when the latest outbreak of terrorist activity began in northeast Rhodesia.

MOTHBALLS. — London housewife Vera Lock said she had a craving for mothballs during her pregnancy. Mrs. Lock, in a letter to the "Sun" said: "I was so fascinated by mothballs I would hold one under my nose for hours, sniffing the gorgeous smell."

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Jensen, left, of Denmark, heads home a goal for "The Three" — the Common Market's new members, Britain, Eire and Denmark — against the Six at Wembley on Wednesday night. The three won 2-0. (AP radiophoto)

'THE GREATEST BASEBALL ALL-ROUNDER THIS ERA'

SPORTS ABROAD

BASEBALL this week paid tribute to Roberto Clemente, the 38-year-old Pittsburgh Pirates superstar who was killed in the crash of a Nicaragua-bound relief plane on Monday.

Bill Virdon, Clemente's teammate on the Pirates for more than a decade and now the team's manager, called him "the greatest all-around baseball player during my era. He could do more things than anybody I've ever seen." His sentiments were echoed by former Pirate manager Danny Murtagh and other officials of the game.

During his 18 seasons with Pittsburgh, Clemente won four batting championships, batted over .300 13 times, and had a lifetime average of .317. He was the National League's most valuable player in 1966, and was named to the all-star team on 12 occasions.

Clemente was also known as one of the best defensive right-fielders in modern baseball. He led the league in assists for an outfielder five times, a major league record.

AUTO RACING

FORD, whose engines have powered grand prix cars to world titles five times, announced Tuesday it is soft pedalling on Formula One racing in 1973. From now on the accent will be on rallying and small time competition, said competition chief Stuart Turner.

Ford in 1973 will not offer any direct support to any team in Grand Prix racing although, because of the success of the Cosworth engine, its production would necessarily be continued.

HOCKEY

RUSSIA scored five first-period goals against the United States and went on to a 13-3 victory Tuesday night, completing a three-game sweep of the second annual World Cup hockey tournament.

The U.S. collection of collegiate players was no match for the precision-passing Russians, who numbered 12 players from the team, that battled a team of Canada's pros last summer.

Russia's first line of Vladimir Petrov, Valeriy Kharlamov and Borris Mikhilov scored seven of the Russian goals. Petrov garnered three goals plus three assists, while Kharlamov and Mikhilov each had two goals and two assists.

The Czechs, represented by their national champion Dukla Jihlava club team, finished second with a 2-1 mark. Canada wound up 1-2, beating the U.S. 6-5. The U.S. lost all three of its games.

PRO FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH runner Franco Harris and Green Bay cornerback Willie Buchanon were named Tuesday as National Football League rookies of the year.

The 230-pound Harris, commandant of "Franco's Italian Army" in Pittsburgh, won a landslide as the NFL's top offensive rookie after leading Pittsburgh to its first playoff in 40 years. Buchanon was drafted No.1 out of San Diego state. He helped make Green Bay the toughest secondary against touchdown passes and won a comfortable verdict in the defensive voting.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Rams are looking for a new head coach to replace Tommy Prothro. Bart Starr, the great quarterback of the Green Bay Packers heyday in the early 1960s, and former Baltimore Colts coach Don McCafferty, are the leading candidates.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SOUTHERN California's unbeaten Trojans were unanimous choices as the best college football team in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls, released on Wednesday. The Trojans had assured themselves the top spot on Monday, when they trounced the Ohio State Buckeyes 42-17 in the Rose Bowl.

Fullback Sam Cunningham and quarterback Mike Rae were the big heroes for the Trojans. Cunningham scored four touchdowns, and Rae engineered a three-touchdown USC explosion in the third quarter after the two teams had finished the first half in a 7-7 deadlock.

Oklahoma, unanimous runner-up to Nebraska last season, again finished second. The Sooners blanked Penn State 14-0 in the Sugar Bowl.

Texas a come-from-behind 17-13 winner over Alabama in the Cotton Bowl, finished third, barely edging defending champion Nebraska. The Cornhuskers demolished Notre Dame 40-6 in the Orange Bowl and wound up fourth in the rankings.

Auburns Cinderella Tigers, who weren't ranked in the preseason poll, climaxed a magnificent 10-1 season with a 24-3 trimming of Colorado in the Gator Bowl and finished No.5 with 631 points.

FIELD HOCKEY

THE Pakistan Olympic association have apologized to the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for incidents involving their hockey team after the Olympic final in Munich last September. Pakistan is at present under temporary suspension from international hockey: the ban was imposed by the FIH President, because of the unruly demonstration by the Pakistan players after their 1-0 Olympic defeat against West Germany. Among incidents after the match was one in which a doctor was manhandled when he attempted to make a routine dope test.

The FIH Council is to consider what action to take against the Pakistan hockey federation when they meet in Brussels on March 17.

ATHLETICS

AFRICA'S ruling sports body has threatened to boycott the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand if a South African cricket team visits there.

Abraham Ordia, head of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, said in Lagos on Wednesday that "New Zealand should not risk losing its African sports friends," and should cancel the Springbok tour.

Disturbing search for seats

Music Reviews

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini, conductor; Hillel Gunter Reich, baritone (Binyenei Ha'ooma, Jerusalem, January 2). Haydn: Symphony No. 95, in C minor; Mahler: Kindertotenlieder; Seter: Variations for Symphony Orchestra; Debussy: La Mer.

IT is always pleasant to see so many young people at a Radio Subscription Concert, but why must they walk around the hall searching for their seats after the music has started? The young wanderers seriously disturbed the rest of the audience during the Haydn Symphony, and my main impression of the performance was that it somehow did not get off the ground, and that the French items could have been more reliable.

Hillel Gunter Reich was something of a disappointment after having given us several pleasing performances. His singing in the Mahler cycle was too operatic in style, with some lower phrases hardly audible. The orchestra worked hard and played all the notes, but the colourful orchestral effects were merely indicated and lacked significance.

Seter's Variations, with its "trick" approach — the variations are heard before the theme — are well constructed, and the composer is painstaking in solving the problems posed by himself. Gary Bertini gave his favourite Israeli composer the best possible presentation, and the result was quite impressive.

Debussy's "La Mer" — another Bertini favourite — was given vivacious attention by the conductor and was carefully executed by the orchestra. A satisfying reading for this contrasting score.

It is difficult to create a warm atmosphere in the Binyenei Ha'ooma with only the lower hall occupied — it also needs a larger orchestra to fill the space with adequate sound. The Radio Symphony sounds so much better in the Jerusalem Theatre. *YOHANAN BOEHM*

Music archive now in Jerusalem

AN exhibition of choice letters and photos from Dr. Georg Alter's private collection was opened at the Music Library of the Jewish National and University Library on Tuesday. Prof. Alexander L. Ringer, of the University of Illinois, a former chairman of the Musicology Department at the Hebrew University, discussed in a few words the musical life of Central Europe, and particularly Prague, where Dr. Alter lived and was active in promoting the performance of contemporary music, which meant then mostly Schoenberg and his disciples.

The collection, covering the period between 1922 and 1938, was brought by its owner to London after the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia. It was returned after the war, and eventually came to Israel in 1965.

Largely because of the initiative of Prof. Ringer, Dr. Alter decided about six months ago to hand over his archives to the Music Library. He wanted the collection to be in safe hands and also that scholars should have access to it.

The collection is indeed important for the study of the Second Vienna School (Schoenberg, Webern, Berg), although its extent and value are obviously less than those of Schoenberg's personal papers. The valuation of "millions of dollars" attributed to the Alter Collection in a report on Tuesday was based on a misunderstanding. Schoenberg's personal archives (which the composer had intended to bring to Israel) are also not up for sale: the present negotiations concern only the provision of the necessary — and considerable — funds for their proper housing at an American University or similar institution. *Y.B.*

N.B. The Encyclopaedia Judaica expresses only wishful thinking in the article on Schoenberg (Column 989, line 7): "He left his books and manuscripts to the National Library in Jerusalem."

Tax break asked over thalidomide compensation

LONDON (AP). — The Distillers' Company which manufactured the drug thalidomide, connected to many birth defects, issued an ultimatum to the British Government on Tuesday, in a head-on clash with the Government over compensation to victims of the drug.

The firm said its offer to thalidomide victims will lapse unless it gets tax concessions.

The ultimatum followed a letter sent to the company by Anthony Barber, Chancellor of the Exchequer. He said the company could not take advantage of tax concessions to boost its compensation offer from £5m. to about £12m.

The latest moves followed mounting criticism over delays in paying compensation to 340 deformed children whose pregnant mothers took the drug in 1961.

The company's accountants had worked out a plan to invest money for the crippled children, taking advantage of interest and special tax concessions.

But Mr. Barber said the present tax law would not allow the scheme to work and the Government had no intention of changing the law.

Principal rotation urged with border schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Principals in city schools would rotate with colleagues in border areas under a plan aimed at encouraging new ideas in high schools.

The plan was drawn up by a committee charged with introducing innovations in schools. It was headed by Mr. Yitzhak Shapira, principal of the Reali High School here. It submitted its recommendations to the Education Minister on Sunday.

The committee also urged the establishment of a fund financed by the Government, local authorities and overseas donors to encourage experimentation by schools and individual teachers. In order to introduce greater autonomy, principals should be allowed to draw up their own curriculae and examination forms.

A MEETING WITH HARRY TRUMAN

By YITZHAK KORN, M.K.

WHEN the news of the death of Harry Truman reached us I recalled a meeting with the late President nearly 20 years ago, just before he ended his term of office in the winter of 1952. I was in the U.S. on a mission job for the Moshav Movement, which in 1949 had established the village of Kfar Truman, not far from Lod Airport, in order to express appreciation for Harry Truman's contribution to the establishment of Israel.

I took with me to the U.S. an album containing pictures of the moshav, its people and its various activities.

When we were ushered into the President's Kansas City office, Harry Truman's friendliness and pleasant manner dispelled all my trepidations. I took out a formal document I had been advised to prepare and began to read:

"Honoured President, I bring you warm greetings..."

At this point Truman approached me, put his arm around me and said: "If you don't mind you really needn't be so official. Make yourself at home. Give me your written greeting, it will be deposited in the local library and we can have a chat together..."

I thanked him for his kindness, and said my written greeting would enable me to express myself more easily in English.

He told me not to worry and said he knew some members of the Senate who made mistakes. He said Americans do not expect foreigners to speak perfect English.

The President showed great interest in the album and asked many questions. He said he had been told that the new settlers make strenuous efforts to adapt themselves to the life of the village.

Truman showed understanding and was especially pleased to hear that the village which bears his name was absorbing new immigrants on the land. This is one of the highest aims which the new state has set itself, he said.

He then changed the subject, and said "I want to show you a figure who in my view is one of the most important personalities of the 20th Century. He took me by the hand and led me into another room: here there was a table on which stood a bust of Professor Chaim Weizmann and alongside it there reposed a small *Sefer Tora* enclosed in a glass case. Truman told me that this had been a gift from Weizmann which he jealously guards, for it is an expression of his friendliness with Weizmann whom he holds in such high esteem. Here he began to enlarge upon the greatness of Weizmann's personality.

When we returned to the first room he remarked "I want you to know that a few minutes after the positive vote in the United Nations on the setting up of a Jewish State was taken I decided to recognize Israel immediately; I believed that the Jewish people had every right to have its own State. I must however add that the majority of the officials of the State Department were against this recognition. Had I delayed it would have brought doubts and complications."

Truman could not conceal his pleasure at the fact that an agricultural settlement bore his name. He said he wanted to visit Israel and would do so when the circumstances permit it. "Give my friendly greetings to the settlers of Kfar Truman."

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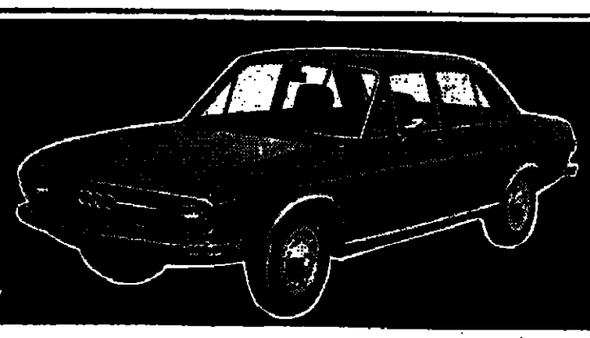

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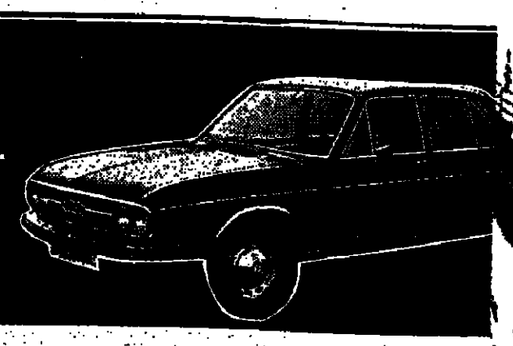

Why army service is not being reduced

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The demands are many and difficult. (IPPA)

It is a general feeling that ee years' compulsory army for this country's young too much. Hopes that the would be cut by three were raised recently when f of Staff, Rav-Aluf David said that reduction of the as being "favourably stu- these hopes were dashed a ater when Defence Minister ayan informed the Knesset re would be no change for ent.

ecision has been severely . Many felt that with the quiet, some concession ave been made. They ar- ut before the Six Day War the security situation was an it is today — soldiers serve six, and later four ess than now. They rejected ument that the period of ould not be shortened be- his year there were fewer s, due to a low male birth 1954-55.

Arab strength

rmy's decision not to cut n was not based on its y determination to hold on it has, regardless of the Lessnces to the economy. It was th in the numerical strength ombined Arab armies since d the necessity for Israel e an edge of superiority fluenced the General Staff. s coupled with the know- at any concessions should primarily by cutting the ved by reservists, which has ore profound effect on the

the end of the War of in August 1970, the army le drastic manpower cuts the reserves. The largest 1971, when the border sit- stabilized. A smaller de- crease was made last year, with a similar one due this year. All in all, reservists are now serving nearly a third less. This has had a profound effect on the economy, apart from making life much easier for the men themselves.

Why reservists should have priority was explained by a high-ranking officer who took part in the decision-making process. He says the reservists have done not only their compulsory years of service, but also much more, since being demobilized. And although Israel's reserves are perhaps the fastest to mobilize in the world, this is no substitute for the guaranteed immediate speed of regular forces. Although the security situation has vastly improved over the past few years, the country is still at war. Thus even if reductions in troop strength could be made it would be dangerous to tamper with the force Israel could field immediately in the case of a sudden attack.

Another reason for not cutting the term of service is that in today's army, with its sophisticated equipment, training takes much longer than before. Nearly half of the three-year term is spent on training, and any reduction would come from the time when the soldier is at his most efficient.

The army feels that its effectiveness would drop more than the country can now afford if the compulsory three years is shortened. Some units which have become redundant are being pruned, but this is not nearly enough to provide the extra manpower needed to justify reductions in periods of service.

Those responsible are fully aware of the problems of 18-year-olds who have to spend some of the best years of their lives in uniform. They hope that by 1974 conditions will make it possible to shorten this period by several months.

rkos halts army moves in Philippines

(AP). — Philippine Pres- rdinand Marcos, desperate- g an end to bloody fight- en the military and Mos- rgents, ordered the armed Wednesday, to tempora- operations in the South- ppines. —

resident said the halt was the insurgents a chance to under what he called a e of "selective amnesty." said, would include those ling to surrender to the government.

At a meeting with some 200 key Moslem leaders from the troubled Mindanao-Sulu region where bloody clashes have been going on for the past three months, Mr. Marcos said, "I am asking the military to hold back while Moslem leaders are negotiating with insurgents to come down from the hills."

He told the leaders that troops had been sent to the south not to fight Moslems, but "foreign-trained troops supporting the secessionist movement."

"Unfortunately," he said, "many Moslems have been killed. We don't want that to happen again. I will be a complete failure as President if we cannot unite the Christians and the Moslems and all other elements of our people."

To help ease tensions, President Marcos ordered his Agriculture Secretary, who attended the meeting, to set aside land on Basilan Island for Moslems who have been driven out by Christian settlers.

Turkish plan to control campuses

ANKARA (AP). — The government has proposed legislation to take direct control over Turkey's autonomous universities, which are viewed as breeding grounds for leftists.

The move is interpreted as another effort by the conservative "establishment" of politicians, businessmen and military leaders to silence the extreme left before general elections next October.

Parliament, its actions watched closely by the military, is expected to approve the measure promptly.

The autonomous universities were the breeding ground for leftist ideas after a liberal constitution was passed in 1961. The popularity of long-banned leftist thought clashed with traditional Turkish conservatism.

The campuses, from 1968 until proclamation of martial law in 1971, were swept with student violence.

This provided the excuse for a purge of leftist professors, particularly younger assistants, and the proposed new law.

Witch hunt

The bill gives the government the right to take over direct administration of universities whenever "freedom of education" is threatened on campuses. The Council of Ministers would have the right to fire any faculty members during such a takeover.

Even in normal times the universities would be supervised by a board made up of the Justice and Education Ministers and three former university presidents. Only the Democratic Socialist Republican Peoples Party, with 97 seats in the 450-seat Assembly, has opposed the university law.

Party spokesmen said it would lead to a "witch hunt" and leave freedom of expression and thought "at the mercy of the government."

The military is playing its part in crushing the left as martial law courts have put some 3,500 leftists on trial and handed out harsh sentences to prominent professors.

Prof. Sadun Aren, one of Turkey's noted economists, was given 12 years in jail for his activities as an official in the banned Marxist Turkish Labour Party.

Prof. Mumtaz Soysal, former dean of Ankara University's Political Science faculty, was given six years and eight months for making Communist propaganda in a text book on constitutional law.

Last month, Prof. Ugur Alacawaptan, former Dean of Ankara University Law Faculty and one of the nation's top criminal lawyers, drew a six-year, four-month jail term for abetting leftist student violence.

The sentences have muzzled other leftist university teachers. A visiting professor at a university in Ankara said that a sombre young man, not registered as a student, followed all his classes taking notes. "I am sure he is reporting to the administration in case I import dangerous ideas from France," the professor said.

Recently Turkey's biggest businessmen formed an association in which they act in concert to withhold advertising from leftist publications and to support conservative organs.

A STEP TOWARDS ETERNAL LIFE?

LONDON (FWF). — More than one science fiction writer has visualized the time when human beings will be deep-frozen and then thawed out into a new era decades, even centuries, into the future.

Once again the science fiction writers have previewed the truth. A giant step has recently been taken towards the deep-freezing of animal embryos, and even the geneticists are unprepared to prognosticate upon the ultimate ramifications. The breakthrough has come from research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, in the U.S., and at Cambridge University, in England.

The Tennessee research group has been working with mice. They have removed embryos from pregnant mice and deep-frozen the embryos in liquid helium or liquid nitrogen to temperatures as low as minus 269 degrees centigrade — only four degrees above absolute zero. Weeks later the embryos were thawed and then transplanted into other female mice which have then given birth to healthy offspring.

Main problem

The main problem in deep-freezing living annual tissue has been the formation of ice crystals in the cells which have killed the embryos. In a recent issue of the journal "Science," the Tennessee research team explains how it overcame this difficulty by resorting to the process known as osmosis whereby liquid is withdrawn from substances through a molecular-fine membrane by associating the substance with a more heavily concentrated solution. Osmotic pressure itself, however, can kill living cells. The way round this complication is to dry out and thaw the frozen cells very slowly, at a rate of two degrees per minute.

Research on deep-frozen embryos raises new prospects of storing rare breeds and species indefinitely

Under these conditions the Tennessee research group found that 70-80 per cent of the mouse embryos survived the deep-freeze. The group concludes that the embryos could be stored indefinitely at these low temperatures.

An even more spectacular step forward has been by the Unit of Reproductive Physiology and Biochemistry at Cambridge University. The Cambridge research team has succeeded in deep-freezing cattle embryos and then thawing them successfully. The embryos have now been transplanted into foster-mothers. A number are now successfully pregnant and will calve next April and May.

The immediate impact of the new technology will be felt upon the livestock industry. One of the Cambridge researchers believes the process will eventually completely supersede artificial insemination — the manual injection of live sperm into cow wombs, which has almost eliminated natural mating in dairy cattle herds throughout the world in the past 10 years. He believes that, in the future, most of the world's dairy cattle, which must breed every year to maintain milk supply, will be injected with thawed deep-frozen embryos.

The obvious advantages of such an operation is that cattle, whose ability to produce twins is about equal to that of human beings, can have embryos implanted into both wombs and thus guarantee 100 per cent of twins. This, of course, could dramatically increase the world's beef producing capacity. In addition, the world's dairy cows could be implanted with high meat-producing beef breed embryos.

The Cambridge researcher visualizes the day, not too far away, when more than one million cows will receive these thawed embryos in Britain alone. Female cattle ova would be collected from slaughtered cows. Such cows, if treated with fertility drugs prior to slaughter, could yield 20-30 ova each.

The Cambridge team believes there is enough evidence available today to suggest that deep-frozen embryos can be stored in liquid nitrogen for years, even centuries.

Livestock benefits

Such a process could permit the storage of rare breeds and species indefinitely. It could also largely bring to an end the international traffic in livestock, and with it the disease-spread hazard, because in the future animals could be traded in embryo form, stored in a thermos flask.

Whether the human race would ever consider it necessary, or even desirable, to deep-freeze its embryos for long-term storage remains to be seen. But the curiosity of the scientist is apparently insatiable. No doubt it will be tried, although — with things the way they are — there are probably few parents who would like to subject their offspring to the dire uncertainties of the 22nd century.

Vatican unveils restored Pieta

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — The Vatican yesterday unveiled a fully restored and cleaned Pieta, completing seven months and 12 days of work to repair the damage wrought in two minutes by a hammer-wielding Hungarian who thought he was Jesus Christ.

A 10-man team of experts using both the most modern and most ancient techniques, pieced together the fragments of Michelangelo's masterpiece, smashed by 15 blows with a hammer by Lazlo Toth.

To the unaided eye, a viewer could never tell the statue had been damaged. Only by climbing on the statue and examining its face from a distance of a few centimetres can one see the hairline where the shattered fragments have been joined to the statue.

Prof. Deoclecio Redig de Camposo, the Brazilian-born director of the Vatican museums who led the restoration work, said the Pieta would go on full view to the public in late February, after the installation of a bullet-proof plate glass screen at the entrance to the chapel where the Pieta now stands.

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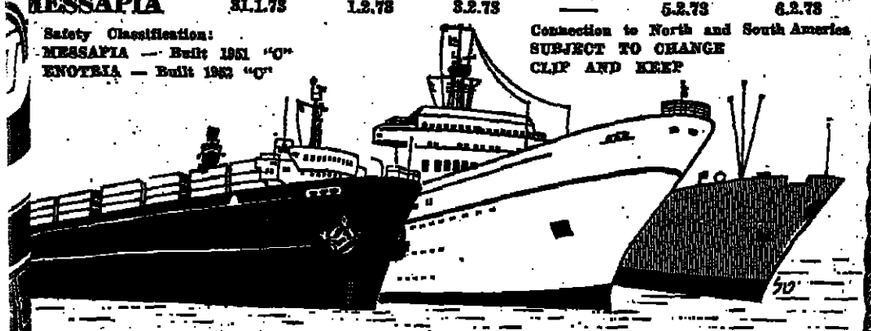

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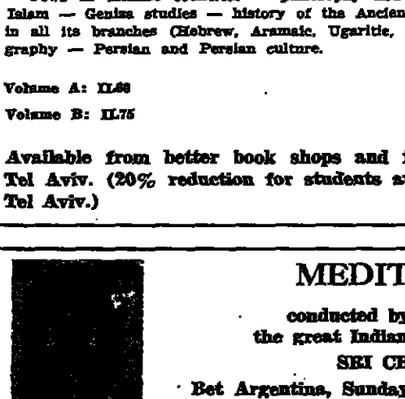

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How is this to be done? What directions should Western donors, private and public, take in coming years? By universal agreement, population control has a top priority. The World Bank and other agencies already are deeply involved in setting up and teaching local governments how to administer birth-control projects.

Mr. McNamara cites India and Indonesia as two nations whose governments are implementing vigorous family-planning programmes. Both countries, as it happens, now grapple with approaching famine in their lands.

Foreign-aid efforts over the past decade concentrated largely on increasing crop yields across the board and on elevating health standards. Yet relatively huge boosts in wheat, corn, and rice crops have not kept pace with expanding populations, and in any case were not universally shared in the affected lands.

Now development experts stress the need to isolate and tackle root sources of poverty. Here Western agencies enter a touchy area — trying to persuade power elites to change their land, tax, social, and incomes policies to reduce what Mr. McNamara calls the "skewness of income distribution."

Meanwhile, Western parliamentarians, reflecting the disenchantment of their constituents, vote smaller portions of GNP for foreign aid.

(Christian Science Monitor News Service).

State money to help Nazareth out of hole

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Ministries of Finance and Interior have made a grant of IL250,000 to the Municipality to help tide it over its financial difficulties. It is the first instalment of IL2m. the city is to receive during the next few months.

Nazareth suffers from large deficits and is frequently unable to pay its employees on time. One of the reasons are the bad relations between Mayor Seif e-Din Zuabi and the District Representative, Mr. Yisrael Koenig. A *sulha* was arranged between the two this week, and the Director-General of the Interior Ministry called on the Mayor and promised his aid.

THE YOUTH PROBATION SERVICE of the Welfare Ministry has a new director. He is Mr. Meir Hovav, 38, born in Israel and educated in the United States.

Export incentives 'not high enough'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Industrial exports fell short of expectations in 1972 due to low export incentives. Many industrialists preferred to sell their products locally, where they could make a large profit, Mr. Binyamin Gibli, chairman of the Export Institute, said at a press conference yesterday.

He noted that in 1971, industrial exports rose by 23 per cent as compared to the previous year and an increase of 19.4 per cent was forecast for 1972. "But the first 11 months of 1972, which are highly indicative for all the year, show that industrial exports only rose by 14.3 per cent," he said.

He listed several measures which, he thought, would divert industrial goods to foreign markets. Firstly, he wanted the premium on the added value dollar to be raised immediately from IL5.10, which is paid today, by 56 agorot, by 42 agorot at the beginning of 1974 and by another 42 agorot in 1975, so that it would reach IL6.50.

Moreover, he wanted workers in export plants to receive a bonus of 15 agorot for each dollar of added value exported. He also wanted extra incentives paid to exporters in certain circumstances, and finally, certain circumstances, and, finally, he wanted changes in the investment law in order to attract more investors.

Mr. Gibli said delays in sending goods abroad due to strikes hindered the drive to increase exports. "If we want Israel goods to have a good image abroad, we must meet deadlines," he said. "This is just as important as producing high quality goods."

Israeli diplomats to help foster *aliya* from West

Every Israeli diplomat abroad will receive instructions to assist the Zionist movement on all matters pertaining to immigration from the countries they serve in. This was the gist of an agreement being worked out between the Zionist Executive and the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Arye Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive said yesterday.

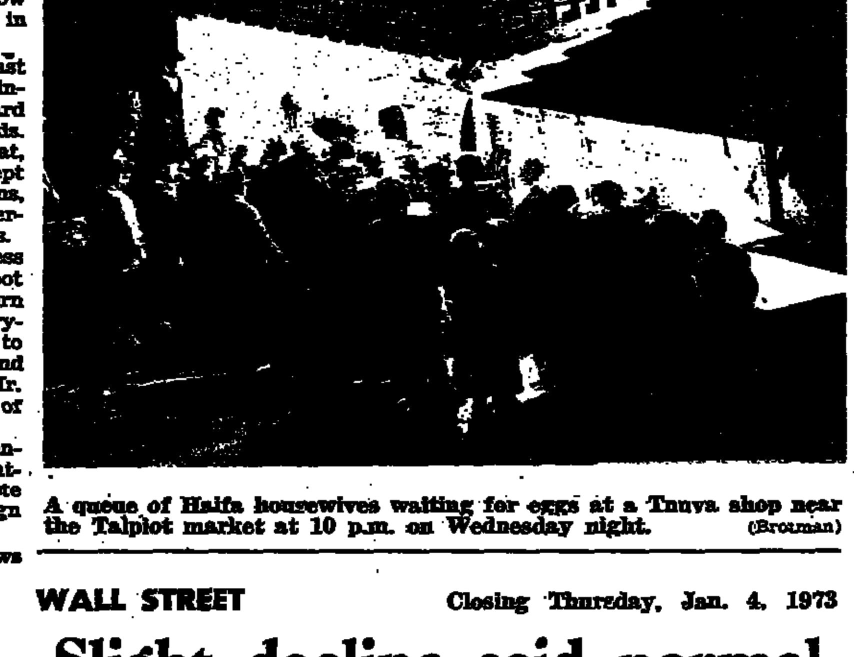
Mr. Pincus was speaking at the closing session of a conference of 130 Jewish Agency emissaries held at the Holyland Hotel in Jerusalem. He said cooperation between the embassies and the emissaries was essential to promoting immigration, particularly from the West.

Cabbies to strike on weekends for extra fares

TEL AVIV. — Taxi drivers will stop working on Friday nights and Saturdays starting January 12 because the Transport Ministry does not permit them to charge 25 per cent extra on Saturday and holidays.

Mr. Ya'acov Krieger, of the National Taxi Drivers' Association; told "Itim" yesterday that the decision was taken after a driver had been fined IL200 the previous day for charging a passenger according to rate schedule number two on the meter (night fares).

Mr. Krieger claimed that drivers were just as entitled as salaried persons to earn more for working on weekends. *(Itim)*



A queue of Haifa housewives waiting for eggs at a Tnuva shop near the Talpiot market at 10 p.m. on Wednesday night. (Brouman)

WALL STREET — Closing Thursday, Jan. 4, 1973

Slight decline said normal

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock Market prices declined yesterday, but analysts said the retreat was the normal response after a three-day string of advances.

Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered advances by nearly 2 to 1 in heavy trading.

The Dow Jones Industrial Index, an important gauge of stock market activity, had run up more than a 36-point gain during the previous three sessions and closed on Wednesday at a record high of 1043.80.

But one analyist said Wednesday's 12.12 point rally was misleading, because it represented the advances of just a few bluechip stocks and did not reflect the movement of secondary issues.

The Dow Jones Average, which had dropped nearly 10 points in the early afternoon, closed the day down 3.99 at 1039.81.

Airco Inc	17½	Cont Can	29⅝	John Joh	128⅝	Reyn Met	16
Alcan Alu	24¼	Cont Oil	41⅞	Jon Lau	18⅝	Roan Sel	6⅛
Allied Ch	29¾	Cont Tel	24⅞	Kais Alum	19	Royl D	41⅞
Allied Str	38⅝	Cont Data	60⅝	Kenn Cop	24⅞	Russ Tog	17
Allis Chal	12⅛	Corning	272	Koppers	36	Safeway	48⅛
Alcoa	57⅝	CPC Intl	33⅞	Libb O Fd	41	Schering	136⅝
Am Airlin	21⅝	Crane Co	61	Liggt My	69⅜	Scott Pap	15⅛
Am Bdcst	80½	Crown Cork	26¼	Litton Ind	13⅜	Sears Roe	117
Amer Can	32⅝	Crwn Zell	28⅛	Lockheed	9¼	Shell Oil	56¼
A Cyan	31½	Dan River	12⅛	LTV Corp	9⅝	Singer Co	78
A Home	128⅜	Deere Co	44⅝	Macy RH	46⅜	Smits KF	58⅛
A Mtl Clx	33¼	Dist Seag	48	Magnvox	29⅝	Sony	63⅜
Amer Mot	8⅜	Dow Chem	105¼	Mfrs Han	37	South Ry	49½
A Smelt R	18⅛	Dress Ind	47⅜	Marath	36	Sperry Rnd	49
Am S Afr	46⅝	Dupont	182⅜	Marcor	29	St Brands	58¼
Am Stand	13⅝	East Airlns	20⅞	Marsh Fd	37	St Oil Cal	81⅛
Amer T & T	53	E Kodak	147½	Martin Mar	19⅛	St Oil Ind	86⅝
AMF Inc	55⅞	Eaton	40½	Matsush	33⅞	Std Oil Oh	92⅝
Ampex	6⅝	El Paso NG	20¼	McDon D	36⅞	Sterl Drug	35
Anaconda	20⅝	ESB	32¼	Memorex	17½	Stu Wor	54⅝
Atl Rich	77¼	Exxon	89⅝	Merck	93	Sun Oil	43⅝
Avco	15⅛	Fair Cam	54⅜	Minn MM	85½	Swift Co	39⅝
Beckman	47⅝	Firestone	25¼	Mobil Oil	74¼	Teledyne	19⅝
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Bendix	49½	Fluor Cp	34⅝	Monsan	54½	Texaco	38⅛
Benguet	8⅜	Fd Fair	9½	Moor McCor	17½	Texas Gulf	19
Beth Stl	29⅝	Ford Mot	80¼	Morgan J	109⅝	Texas Instru	184
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Burroughs	224⅜	Genesco	15⅛	Olin Corp	19⅝	Unil NV	46½
Camp Sp	34⅝	Georgia	37¼	Otis Elev	42⅝	Un Carbide	50⅛
Cdn Pac	18	Getty O	95½	Owen Ill	48	Uniroyal	15⅛
Canal R	24⅝	Gillette	63⅝	Pac Ge El	32⅜	Unit Aircraft	45⅞
Castle Cke	17¼	Goddric	28¼	Panam W A	8⅞	Unit Brands	12
Cater Tr	69⅝	Goodyr	30⅝	Penn Centrl	3	US Indust	21½
Celanese	41¼	W R Grace	27⅝	Pepsi Co	85⅞	US Steel	31⅞
Cerro Cp	15⅝	Grt A & P	16	Pfizer	44⅞	US Tobac	17⅞
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

STOCKS SOAR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Stock prices continued to soar ahead yesterday. Turnover was IL6.1m. worth of shares with IL3.7m. in the variables. The general index of share prices was up by more than one per cent (1.07), and closed out the week at 314.94 points It gained more than eight points in the course of the week.

The recent pattern continued, although shares which had risen excessively in previous sessions dropped a bit. Hassneh slipped 2½ to 255.5 on volume of 26,400 (previous gain 11 points); Solel Boneh lost two points to 189 on 10,000 shares (previous gain six points); and Paper Mills lost eight points to 456 (46,700) (against a rise of 20 points on Wednesday).

Financial shares gained three to seven points on good volume. Rassco ordinary gained eight points to 93, or almost 10 per cent. Lewin-Epstein added another eight points to 90. Fama added 4½ points and Unico nine points to 104.

It could be almost said that it was the day of the "penny stocks" in New York stock exchange terms. The very few shares traded below the 100 mark were active. A little more than a year ago, most shares traded below par.

More impressive than the low priced issues were the gains scored by Electra, 20 points to 338; Argaman, 14 points to 330 or Delek registered, which picked up 10 to 227, ex-dividend.

Bonds too have been in demand and recorded advances. Turnover was IL2.1m. worth.

The General Index of share prices rose by 1.03 per cent to stand at 306.87.

Reported by the Union Bank.

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DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	211	210.8
6% Electric Corp. A	r	129	127
6% Electric Corp. B	r	137.1	139
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX			
Klita 1965, Index 110.1	b	195.9	195.3
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	160.1	159.7
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	161.5	161.6
SHARES			
PUBLIC UTILITIES			
Electric Corp.		71	—
BANKING INSUR. & FINANCE			
Otzar Hityashvut	r	316	310
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	312	307
Union Bank	r	361	361
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	284	277
Israel British Bank	b	342	341
Discount Bank — A	r	725	715
United Mizrahi Bank	b	219.5	216.5
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	388	374
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	186	186
Bank Leumi — A	r	373	367
Bank Binyan	b	289.5	290
Ind. & Dev. Bank—8%	r	83.5	83
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	261	262
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	245	288
Clal Industries	r	246	248
Israel Cent. Trade	r	332	331
Hassneh Insurance	b	255.5	258
Wolfson, IL1	r	195	195
Wolfson, IL10	b	123.5	123.5
Tefahot — 8%	b	252.5	250
Tefahot	b	242	237.5
Sahar — "C"	b	249	246
LAND & DEVELOPMENT			
Azorim	r	250	249
Africa Isra. IL10	r	267	257
Isr. Land Dev.	b	225.5	223.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	109	109
Isras	b	203.5	203
Property & Build.	r	250.5	250
Mehadrin	r	175.5	175
Pri Or Ltd.	r	169	169
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	128	128.5
Neot Aviv	r	79	77.5
Rassco — 8%	r	120	117
Rassco Ord.	r	93	85
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance — B	r	660	655
Elco — IL2.5	b	111.5	111
Electra, IL5	r	338	318
Argaman — 8%	b	336	371
Ata — "C"	r	ex171	179.5
Motor House	b	81	80
Dubek	b	397	395
Cold Storage — IL10	r	415	419
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	196	194
Solel Boneh — 10%	b	189	191
Lighterage & Supply	r	225	237
Chem. & Phosphates	r	61.5	61.5
Lewin Epstein	b	90	82
Moller Textile	r	253	252
Nechushtan	b	366	368
Teva	b	1138	1125
Phoenicia — 8%	b	133	132
Paper Mills	r	456	464
Assis — "B"	r	288	289
Shemen — 8%	b	128.5	128.5
Taal Plywood	b	298	231
FUEL & OIL			
Delek — C	r	227	217
Naphtha — OTC	r	76	74.5
Lapidot — OTC	r	161	161.5
INVESTMENT COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	114	114
Ellern	b	259	254
Bank Hapoalim	b	232	230
Export Bank	b	88.5	80.5
Paz	b	112.5	112.5
Ampa	r	158	156
Discount Bank	b	309	306
Bank Leumi	r	293	392
Foreign Trade	r	139	140
United Mizrahi	b	141.5	141.5
Clal Israel	r	273	269
I.D.B. Bankholding Pr.		315	308

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SOME WORDS OF PRAISE TOO

Flaws in running of local councils hit by Comptroller

By MACABEE DEAN and SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Shortcomings in the administration of five local councils are documented in State Comptroller's reports published this morning. But there is also praise for achievements, particularly in the fields of development and education. The reports cover Kiryat Gat, which was granted municipal status this week, Kiryat Ono, Kfar Shmaryahu, Tel Mond and Beer Ya'acov.

The Comptroller found a considerable amount of mismanagement in Kiryat Gat, in his report, covering the fiscal years 1964-65 until 1971-72. But he notes that the Council was "active in building public buildings and in development work, even to the point of severely straining its financial resources." During the period under review, Kiryat Gat grew from 15,600 persons to 18,300.

The report lists shortcomings in the fields of health and sanitation, water supply, in handling tenders, and in financial matters. Nevertheless, the Council "displayed alertness in correcting the shortcomings," it is pointed out.

TEL MOND

The Comptroller cites, among other examples, that the overflow from the town's water purification plant drains into nearby Nahal Lachish, which becomes a breeding place for mosquitoes, as well as a source of nauseating odours.

The town charged only 17 agora for a cubic metre of water, although it was authorized to collect 25 agora (later 30 agora), and thus ran into debt. During 1970/71 some 29 per cent of the water reaching the town leaked out into the ground due to broken underground pipes.

The Comptroller praises the Kiryat Ono Local Council for "expanding the educational system, particularly in view of the construction of new housing projects and the resulting population growth."

He is far less complimentary, however, in describing the council's sanitation services to its population of 2,200. He raps the council for inadequate supervision of violations of sanitation bylaws and for failing to check on whether such violations are corrected.

A poultry slaughterhouse which operates without permit has no sanitary facilities at all. Half of the town's 37 businesses operate without licence.

The Comptroller gives the Kfar Shmaryahu Local Council a generally clean bill of health. He praises it for providing its 1,100 residents with "adequate services."

Tel Mond, a township of 3,040 in the Sharon, was so badly managed that the Ministry of Interior set up an "appointed committee" to run the town's affairs in 1970.

In the town's kindergarten there is a drainage ditch which has become a rubbish dump; the yard is fenced in with dangerous barbed wire' and during the rainy season, the playground is full of puddles.

The shelter in one school was found to defective, and the contractor, although he received all the money due to him, refused to repair the defects.

One of the two social workers does not even have a desk.

KIRYAT ONO

There is an open sewer in the town which often overflows: the firm which contracted to collect the garbage uses an open "platform," not licensed to be towed on the roads although it is, which allows the garbage to drop off. Of the 32 shops which handle food, only 13 have licences. Many of the others were refused licences due to poor sanitary conditions, but they are still open.

The Comptroller praises the Be'er Ya'acov Local Council "for considerable improvement in the administration of local affairs" and for "extensive development work," especially in the construction of roads and schools for its population of 3,700."

The council is, however, taken to task for shortcomings in accounting and book-keeping and for failing to solve the problem of those Be'er Ya'acov families who still reside in the dilapidated huts of what was once one of the largest *ma'abarot* in the country.

The Council is also rapped for the fact that it does not have adequate records on whether residents have paid their local rates. This results in a sizeable backlog of tax collection. The property of political parties and the workers council is not taxed at all.

U.S. CONTRACTOR TO WORK HERE

Introducing some new methods in building

Jack Hoffman

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As a man who has visited Israel 10 times in the last few years, Mr. Jack Hoffman is familiar with the story that to make a "small fortune here you have to bring in a big one and watch it melt to a small one."

Mr. Hoffman, 49, is chairman of the Hoffman Rosner Corporation, which has built 22,000 houses (generally single-family homes) in the U.S. during the last 25 years.

Recently, ground was broken for his "pilot project" in Israel — a three-storey house, with four flats on each floor, and a seven-storey house, also with four flats on each floor. They will rise in Ra'anana. The three-room flats will sell for IL90,000; those of four rooms for IL110,000.

Says Mr. Hoffman: "I didn't come to Israel to lose money: I came to make money, and I think that there are substantial profits to be made here in the field of construction."

Question: How do you expect to break into a highly-competitive field in which veteran Israeli contractors often walk a shaky tightrope? And especially as you will continue to run your business in the U.S.?

'Firstly, I have an excellent managing director here, Mr. Shimon Strod, who is familiar with the building scene in both Israel and the U.S. Secondly, I will bring in American management methods. Thirdly, we will be 'aggresive' in scheduling deliveries of supplies and in meeting deadlines.

"And finally, we plan to import building materials for flooring and to cover the walls, which will allow us to by-pass many skilled workers — such as painters, plasterers, etc. — and to use unskilled workers. We also plan other such innovations which will reduce our costs."

Mr. Hoffman adds: "And I'm bringing in a substantial amount of financial backing; a lot of experience in building; and excellent organizational methods."

Mr. Hoffman has named his company, which was set up three months ago, Shuleah, a name composed by joining the first four letters of his wife's name (Shulamit) to that of his sister's (Leah).

Eventually, if the business flourishes, as he expects, Mr. Hoffman would like to sort of settle down here, running his Israel construction business mainly by himself and going to the U.S. now and then to keep an eye on affairs there.

"After all, I have to make money," he says. "I have four children, aged 17, 18, 20 and 21, and next year all four will be at university at once."

Yankee franchise sold at loss

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The Columbia Broadcasting System announced yesterday that it had sold the New York Yankees baseball franchise to a group of investors for $10m.

Yankee president Michael Burke, a vice-president of CBS, and George N. Steinbrenner, president of an American shipbuilding company, head the group of investors. The purchase price was $3.2m. less than CBS paid for the club in the 1960s.

Mr. Burke, who is giving up his post with CBS, told a press conference that CBS felt the Yankees "no longer" fitted into its future business plans.

The Yankees, who last won the American League Championship in 1964, last year attracted less than a million fans for the first time since 1945. Their rivals, the New York Mets, were watched by more than 2,000,000 spectators.

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MEIR'S VISIT TO FRANCE

NEXT week Prime Minister Golda Meir, in her capacity as Vice-President of the Socialist International, will travel to Paris for a two-day meeting of this organization. The trip has already elicited criticism in France and even some doubts in Israel.

The French Government, a few weeks before a parliamentary election, appears reluctant to go out of its way and accord the normal courtesies granted a visiting Prime Minister of a country with whom France maintains full diplomatic relations. Inspired leaks to the press indicated the real reason for the official French attitude: President Pompidou cannot make any basic change in the unfriendly policy to Israel he has been carrying out since he took office in 1969. Furthermore, one of his opponents is Francois Mitterrand, a leader of the French Socialists and a well-known figure in the Socialist International who will be hosting next week's conference.

The Gaullists fear that Mr. Mitterrand may try to use the presence of Mrs. Meir to gain sympathy and support among French Jews. The French Jews themselves are uncertain on how to greet the Israel Prime Minister, and the French press has come out against what it describes as interference in France's internal affairs.

Here in Israel it has also been suggested in some quarters that Mrs. Meir should refrain from doing anything that might give offence to Mr. Pompidou, that France intends to alter her cool attitude to Israel, and has been helpful in delicate economic negotiations between Israel and the European Economic Community. It has also been intimated that the trip by the Prime Minister could prejudice a reported invitation to Foreign Minister Eban to officially visit Paris.

But Mrs. Meir has stuck to her initial resolve to attend the Paris meeting, and rightly so.

Mrs. Meir sees her duty to the Socialist International as an important obligation to this friendly body. She is undertaking this mission not on behalf of the Israel Government but on behalf of the Labour Party. She will not insist on protocol niceties nor make her stay longer than necessary. But by going she will also pay tribute to Mr. Mitterrand's courageous stand on Soviet Jewry which led to the cancellation of an invitation extended him to visit Russia.

Certainly there is no reason for the Prime Minister to forgo her planned participation in the Socialist meeting because of vague and uncertain possibilities of improvement in Franco-Israel relations. Nor would an official visit to Paris by Mr. Eban radically change the situation. In fact it is probably the case that the resentment expressed in Paris when Mrs. Meir announced that she would go to Paris only reflected the profound commitment of the French Government to its general pro-Arab policy.

New immigrants could be given a grant instead of being allowed tax privileges, suggests MOSHE ATER. He also discusses a plan under which Jews abroad could take out insurance to cover the costs of settling down in Israel.

The first anxious moments. (Israel Sun)

ATTRACTING SETTLERS

WITH superb sense of timing the Israel authorities disclosed the new, tough rules on immigrant tax benefits simultaneously with the announcement of the Jewish Agency's emergency programme for promoting immigration from Western countries. Since the programme is to emphasize the positive Zionist approach, it is not necessary to pay much attention to the practical problems of settlement in this country, it is apparently felt.

But quite apart from this ironic (more properly, tragic) coincidence, the arguments marshalled in support of the new rules are not convincing.

All immigrants are now to be punished for the abuses of a small minority, as the AACI has rightly pointed out (e.g. cars re-sold illegally by new immigrants accounted for less than one per cent of all cars imported last year, and at most for a few per cent of the cars bought by new immigrants). The new rules, however, will not help to stop the abuses, because these have nothing to do with the country of origin of the imported articles or with the possession of a driver's licence or even with bringing import-free goods by parcel post or otherwise.

If immigrant certificates, passports, signatures and other forms are forged — as has been claimed by the Assistant Director of Customs — this will not be prevented by the tougher rules. The culprits will still flourish, and the honest will suffer. In any event, it seems that the new rates of customs duty on cars and household goods are simply aimed at increasing the fiscal revenue.

It must be admitted that abuses cannot be prevented in the present system. But these are an inevitable outcome of the complex control machinery, and of the red tape required for maintaining this system of detailed benefits tied to certain products, to specific dates, countries, makes, etc.

The new rules introduce yet further refinements, but they will force people to look for new loopholes.

It has long been known that some immigrants import cars not because they need them, but in order to make use of the benefits. This often forces these people to bear heavy maintenance costs which they cannot afford, or to try to get rid of the cars, which is considered an offence.

The new regulations allow the Director of Customs to grant at his discretion a 12-month extention of the tax benefit period if the immigrant buys an Israel-made washing machine, refrigerator, stove, heater or television receiver — but not any other product which the immigrant may prefer. This selection of articles may — or may not — make sense from the fiscal angle, or as means of encouraging local industries, but hardly as an incentive for attracting immigrants. A newcomer must find this administrative maze a nuisance.

Neither is the adverse impact of this system likely to be confined to ill feeling and inconvenience. An excessive resort to administrative controls and incentives may become a positive hindrance to immigration.

Thus the current shortage of flats for new immigrants coincides with a rise in the percentage of unsold flats in private housing projects, and with a gradual decline in private building starts. In many cases immigrants could be offered accomodation by acquiring flats from private contractors or semi-public concerns, but the respective authorities insist on settling them only in flats built by the Ministry of Housing or under its auspices, even though this may involve shortages and necessitate the importation of caravans to overcome this.

A suggestion that flats should be bought from private contractors has been rejected by the Minister of Housing because the additional demand by new immigrants could cause flat prices to harden at the expense of others.

Consolation offered

As a result the Minister of Absorption now tries to console prospective immigrants by telling them that the current housing shortage is temporary, while the general manager of Shikun housing company counsels against excessive residential construction. Again, Israelis may be used to this mess, and our authorities may even enjoy it, but it can hardly be conducive to immigration.

The basic question, of course, is whether special treatment should be accorded to new immigrants. Whoever has listened to Cairo's Hebrew broadcasts knows that one of their staple features is the incitement of Israeli youth against immigrant privileges.

In Jewish quarters however, there is hardly any need to elaborate on the necessity of easing strain on newcomers by at least reducing his financial worries.

However, once this is conceded, it does not necessarily follow that the benefits should assume the form of cuts in customs duty, or in purchase tax, for specified items, or of allotments of specified flats and so on.

Instead immigrants could be given a grant, fixed per family or per capita, either as a lump sum or in several instalments, payable upon presentation of certain documents (showing for example that they have become local residents, have found employment or are looking for jobs etc.).

In order to prevent fraud, eligibility for such a grant should be properly stipulated.

It could be argued that immigrants leaving the country within, say, three years, should be required to repay the money, or part of it. But in the main immigrants would be left to look after themselves, to spend, save or invest the money according to their own judgment, with nobody to blame for the results but themselves.

It goes without saying that this would in no way spell an end to absorption problems. The newcomers would still have to be looked after, counselled, guided, offered housing, language courses, vocational training, and other facilities of the right kind.

The idea could be carried one step further. What matters for new immigrants — in particular middle-class ones — is that they should be able to settle here without it costing them most or all of their property in the process of settling here.

The current system attempts to meet the needs of settlers in a form reminiscent of charity. This pattern will remain even if a money grant is given. But it can be improved in the form of genuine insurance, with Jews abroad taking out policies against the costs (passage, housing, training, etc.) of their immigrating to Israel, with a right to avail themselves of that insurance after a stated period, say, two or three years.

The premiums for such insurance could be set at a fraction of what is actually required for raising the amounts needed for accommodating the immigrants, with the balance covered by the State or by the Jewish Agency (the latter could also finance the premiums for would-be immigrants who cannot afford to insure themselves or are not allowed, as in Communist countries).

This way the newcomer would feel that he gets aid as a right. Moreover, the fact that he is insured against the vicissitudes of immigrating to Israel would make him more receptive to the idea of eventually settling here. The immigration insurance — which could take the form of an addition to a life policy — could easily become a potent instrument for promoting immigration. On the other hand it could also become an instrument for channelling some of the Jewish savings abroad to investments here.

As a matter of fact this plan was suggested long ago, but was rejected because the Government did not then want to commit itself to subsidizing immigration which might swell overnight and force the State to foot a heavy bill.

However, one assumes that the Six Day War has changed this parsimonious attitude. Today we should be ready to provide for any number of immigrants.

Dry Bones

Readers' letters

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Those of us who follow the trend of international affairs, especially as they relate to Israel, must experience some degree of anxiety. It seems to me that Jerusalem has lost its grip in the We were taken by surprise — some of the rewards of the battlefield could be lost in the embassies.

Events in Africa have robbed us of much prestige and influence. They may have been inevitable, but they were clearly unforeseen. We were taken by surprise—something unknown to our military leaders.

Perhaps politics do not provide the best personnel for foreign service?

In any case, Mrs. Golda Meir, who was a brilliant foreign minister, should give urgent consideration to this weak area of Israeli security.

ABRAHAM ISAAC CARMEL
New York, December 1972.

POST FRONT-PAGE SURPRISE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I just want to write you how pleased I was to come home Friday afternoon with my *Jerusalem Post* just bought at 1 p.m. I hadn't even looked at the front-page — had taken the last copy and grabbed it and ran, and then found it did have the latest news on the release of the Bangkok hostages. I was so sure it wouldn't as the good news had only come after 1 a.m. But then I saw you had put out three editions! Whew! I should have remembered this was a possibility (having worked for PM for 10 years) but I also know it's a terrific expense. Many thanks.

And I enjoyed the magazine tremendously this week. Maybe it was a week of a lot of news — Truman, King Hussein, Common Market, end of the year, even the article on Nazareth — but everything seemed so much better written. Maybe it was and maybe my general sense of pleasure with the paper helped. I laughed so at "White Witchery."

Only one disturbance — in the magazine on p.39 I read the Cinema briefs and thought I might want to see Neither by Night nor by Day, only to find it was not listed at all at any of the cinemas advertised on the opposite page. This is the second time this has happened to me.

Again, many thanks for an enjoyable Friday spent reading the *whole* of *The Jerusalem Post*.

MRS. M. PANIGEL
Tel Aviv, December 31.

HELP FOR POTENTIAL IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Having just returned from a trip to Israel where I was on a pilot tour, I found the British Zionist Federation a great help to me in finding a job. I, as a doctor, found this help invaluable. They arranged appointments for me with different people in my profession and with hospitals and they gave me much useful information in different aspects of Israeli life.

I would strongly suggest to all British people, professionals or not, potential immigrants to Israel, to contact them in their offices immediately upon their arrival in Israel, as this will be in their own interest.

DR. BEN MIRACHI
Manchester, December 16.

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The unrest in Egypt

Hatzofe (National Religious) doubts whether the closing of the institutes of higher education in Egypt will quash the disturbances. The paper believes that the unrest encompasses not only the students, but widespread groups in Egypt. It envisages the possibility of the student disturbances being the beginning of a general uprising which will put an end to Sadat's regime.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes: "It seems that Sadat will not be able to manoeuvre for long between war and peace, and he will have to decide which path to follow. He may, of course, try to solve the conflict with Israel by political means, thus saving his position. Israel ought to help him direct his efforts in this direction."

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "The student unrest in Egypt is a purely domestic affair, with no direct influence on the conflict with Israel. Sadat appears to be fully in control of the situation, and there is also no suggestion of the armed forces joining the student protest. At the same time there is a certain element of danger in this ferment, as in times of trouble the conflict with Israel may well be the final safety valve."

Ha'aretz (non-party) urges Herut to stop what it calls the party's "race to destruction," and to desist from supporting the surplus votes bill.

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